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		A.M.		P.M.		A.M.		P.M.		A.M.		P.M.		A.M.		P.M.	
		Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Kowloon	Dep.	8.40	8.45	1.15	1.20	8.40	8.45	1.15	1.20	8.40	8.45	1.15	1.20	8.40	8.45	1.15	1.20
Yau Ma Tei	Dep.	8.50	8.55	1.25	1.30	8.50	8.55	1.25	1.30	8.50	8.55	1.25	1.30	8.50	8.55	1.25	1.30
Shatin	Dep.	9.00	9.05	1.35	1.40	9.00	9.05	1.35	1.40	9.00	9.05	1.35	1.40	9.00	9.05	1.35	1.40
Tai Po	Dep.	9.10	9.15	1.45	1.50	9.10	9.15	1.45	1.50	9.10	9.15	1.45	1.50	9.10	9.15	1.45	1.50
Tai Po Market	Dep.	9.20	9.25	1.55	2.00	9.20	9.25	1.55	2.00	9.20	9.25	1.55	2.00	9.20	9.25	1.55	2.00
Fanning	Dep.	9.30	9.35	2.05	2.10	9.30	9.35	2.05	2.10	9.30	9.35	2.05	2.10	9.30	9.35	2.05	2.10
Shaungshui	Dep.	9.40	9.45	2.15	2.20	9.40	9.45	2.15	2.20	9.40	9.45	2.15	2.20	9.40	9.45	2.15	2.20
Shamshui	Dep.	9.50	9.55	2.25	2.30	9.50	9.55	2.25	2.30	9.50	9.55	2.25	2.30	9.50	9.55	2.25	2.30
Canton	Arr.	12.50	1.00	5.30	5.40	12.50	1.00	5.30	5.40	12.50	1.00	5.30	5.40	12.50	1.00	5.30	5.40

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		A.M.		P.M.		A.M.		P.M.	
		Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Fanning	Dep.	7.45	7.50	2.30	2.35	7.45	7.50	2.30	2.35
Shaungshui	Dep.	8.40	8.45	3.15	3.20	8.40	8.45	3.15	3.20
Shaungshui	Dep.	8.30	8.35	1.05	1.10	8.30	8.35	1.05	1.10
Fanning	Dep.	7.25	7.30	2.00	2.05	7.25	7.30	2.00	2.05

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NEWSPAPERS AND LORD
BEAVERBROOK'S PROPHECY.

THE LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, November 12th.
A suggestion has been made by a London Magistrate, that there should be special courts for dealing with offences against the motoring law, but I am informed that this is not received with approval in most quarters which may be expected to speak with authority on the subject. There are, of course, places notorious for the severity with which magistrates regard even minor breaches of the law, but they are a small minority, and, generally speaking, justices, though they may not have much technical knowledge, are well able to judge as to real merits of the cases that come before them.
It is doubtful whether there are many occupiers of the Bench to-day who are not themselves motorists, and there are few instances which call for special mechanical knowledge to enable them to form an opinion which is not open to serious criticism. Uniformity in the administration of the law is in itself a very desirable thing, but it is too much to expect all magistrates to think alike as to whether, for instance, an exhaust is too noisy, or brakes are ineffective, or a motorist drove his car to danger of the public.

A Tragedy of Wealth.
The moralist might find a subject for comment in the tragic death of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Brunner, who were found shot in their house at Rochampton; for here is an instance to emphasise the truth that even though the world's goods are piled into one's lap, disillusion may come and happiness fly away. The inquest story showed that Mr. Brunner first shot his wife and then turned the revolver upon himself. Mr. Brunner, who was reputed a millionaire, was until recently chairman of Brunner, Mond & Co., the world-famous firm of chemical manufacturers, and it seems he was greatly disappointed that he was not included in the directorate of the new chemical amalgamation. This vast combine of chemical producers has a capital of £38,000,000, and is expected to control the world markets. Mrs. Brunner was even more disappointed than her husband. She was ambitious, and took a considerable share as his adviser in his work for Brunner, Mond & Co.

When he was passed over on the formation of the big chemical industry, Mrs. Brunner tried to induce him to assert his claims to recognition. But his health was not good and she sorely tried his temper by pressing her views upon him. At last, Mrs. Brunner on her own initiative took the unusual step of visiting the offices of the *Financial News*, *Daily Telegraph* and *Daily Herald*. She asked to see the editor of each journal, and was received in each case by a representative of the editor. Somewhat agitated in manner, I have been told, she called attention to the published details of the merging of Brunner, Mond & Co., the United Alkali Co., the Nobel Industries and the British Dyestuffs Corporation. She tried without effect to enlist the newspapers to give publicity to the grievance which she considered her husband laboured under.

Newspaper Amalgamations.
The closing down of the *Daily Graphic*, pioneer of illustrated daily papers in the Kingdom, is the severest blow that has befallen Fleet Street for many years. The whole staff of the paper from the editor to the printer's devil found themselves deprived of their jobs at little more than a day's notice. There has been nothing like this in London newspaperdom since the *Standard* ceased publication during the war.

Apart from the personal side and its effect upon the individual journalist, machine man, or compositor the extinction of the *Daily Graphic* emphasises the serious results of the amalgamations that have taken place in recent years. I have noted this development from time to time. Old-established journals have been purchased, and while some were scrapped others have been developed as far as the imposing use of capital can do it. The immediate consequence of closing down papers was in every case to throw highly-trained staffs out of employment with very small hope for most of them of again securing newspaper work.

The ultimate consequences cannot be predicted with certainty, but some indication are apparent in the stereotyping of opinion on public questions, and the presentation of the same kind of news. Millions of readers are served with the same journalistic product, and as things are they have no choice but to accept it or go without. The people in the syndicates are honest enough not to pretend that they are in journalism because they have high ideals, or clear policies, or strong convictions, or goals of attainment. (Continued on next column.)

FAREWELL TO REAR-ADMIRAL STIRLING.

CAPTAIN PEARSON, R.N., C.M.G., TAKES OVER DUTIES TO-DAY.

NEW COMMODORE'S INTERESTING CAREER.

Captain John L. Pearson, C.M.G., R.N., who is to succeed Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling as Commodore in charge of the naval establishment, arrived yesterday morning from Home by the s.s. *Malva*. He was met by Rear-Admiral Stirling, who is leaving for Home to-day with Mrs. and Miss Stirling.

Captain Pearson was accompanied by his secretary, Pay-Lieutenant A. T. Thompson, and will take over his duties from eight o'clock this morning.

Capt. Pearson's Career.

Captain Pearson, who was born in 1879, is a son of the late Admiral Sir Hugo Lewis Pearson, K.C.B. For the last three years he has been in command of the aircraft carrier *Furious*, with the Atlantic Fleet.

As a Lieutenant, Captain Pearson received the bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society for rescuing a seaman who was thrown into the sea by the capsizing of a target. In the war he was commander of the *Leviathan* and the *Hendee*, and from January, 1915, Chief of Staff to Rear-Admiral T. W. Kemp in North Russia. He was promoted to the rank of Captain on December 31st, 1917. Mrs. Pearson is a daughter of Colonel Cecil Beadon, of the Indian Army and they were married in 1912.

Good-bye to Rear-Admiral Stirling.

It is with very sincere regret that Hong Kong will say good-bye to Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling, C.B., to-day. During his stay in the Colony, he has been very popular in social and service circles. The Admiral joined the Navy in 1899, and has had a distinguished career. He took a very gallant part in the Battle of Jutland, when, as commander of the 12th Destroyer Flotilla, he delivered a successful attack on the German Battle Fleet. For this and other services during the war he received the C.B., the French Legion of Honour and the Russian Order of St. Anne. He came to Hongkong as Commodore on December 11th, 1924, and will therefore leave on the second anniversary of his arrival here. It was on August 9th this year that he was raised to the rank of Rear-Admiral.

Mrs. and Miss Stirling have also taken a prominent part in the social life of the Colony and will be greatly missed. Of late, Mrs. Stirling has been in indifferent health, and her many friends will wish her a speedy recovery in the Old Country.

Lord Beaverbrook's Prophecy.

In regard to this aspect of present-day journalism, I am interested to note that Lord Beaverbrook, who owns the *Daily Express* and half-a-dozen other papers, recently expressed the opinion that the time is not far distant when "the balance will be somewhat redressed by the establishment of new newspapers not only in London but in the provinces." He made this remark during an address on advertising at an Old Colony Club dinner. One can only hope that when new newspapers are started it will be with the assurance that they can weather the almost certain losses of the first year, for from another equally authoritative quarter comes the view that we have not reached the end of the operations of newspaper trusts.

The Lord Mayor's Banquet.

There are very few people who would refuse an invitation to the Lord Mayor's banquet on the Ninth of November, for apart from the sumptuous character of the feast, there are always a number of distinguished speakers. But truth to tell it is a rather a dull affair for some who attend. The chief drawback is the prolonged speechmaking. The toast list is a heavy one, and is governed by long-established custom and City tradition. But this year the Lord Mayor, Sir Rowland Blades, managed to cut out redundant speeches, and make others shorter. He let it be known that only the Prime Minister was to be permitted to speak without a time limit. Mr. Baldwin was given a free hand, as it were. But everyone else was expected to keep the company not longer than ten minutes. It was doubtless a severe restriction on speakers who take about five minutes to warm up to their subject; but in the result the general opinion was that the Lord Mayor had made a step in the right direction. Moreover, it is hoped that the example will be followed in future. Not only were speeches cut short, but some were omitted altogether. For the first time in living memory "The Services" had only one responder—"The First Lord of the Admiralty had to be answerable for all three branches; and the absence of the Foreign Secretary made one speech less."—H.B.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

Today.
M. V. San Company Meeting, Queen's Road Office, 3 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance 4.30 p.m.
Cricket and Football (details in to-day's issue).
Yachting: 6th Championship race for racing classes.
Carnival Dinner Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.
Dinner Dance at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.
Dance at Craigengower Cricket Club, 9.15 p.m.
Philharmonic Society present "Pirates of Penzance," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Bat."
World Theatre: "Married Flirts."
Star Theatre: "The Dark Swan."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Suez (Macedonia), 10.30 a.m.

Sunday.
St. John Ambulance Brigade Annual Competition for "Ralphs" Shield, Murray Parade Ground, 9 a.m.
Golf: Semi-final of R.H.K.G.C. Championship, at Fanning.
Cricket: H.V.D.C. v. Royal Artillery, U.S.R.C. ground, 11 a.m.
Yachting: 2nd Championship race for Cruisers.
Tennis:—Mixed Doubles Match: Craigengower Cricket Club v. Club de Recreio at Craigengower Cricket Club, 3 p.m.

Monday.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Yachting: Ladies Section of R.H.K.Y.C. 4th championship race.
Philharmonic Society present "Pirates of Penzance," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Fushim, Maru), 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday.
Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Annual Meeting of H.K. Branch of Boy Scouts Association, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.
Concert at St. Stephen's Girls' College for Cathedral Organ Fund, Missions to Seamen and St. Peter's Church Fund, 8 p.m.
Dance at Helena May Institute for Victoria Branch M.C.L. Funds.

Wednesday.
Extraordinary Meeting H.K. and Territorial Estates, Ltd., at Shewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, 11 a.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Football: Interport trial match H.K.F.C. ground, 4.30 p.m.
Matinee performance "Pirates of Penzance," Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m.
Lecture: "Wireless Telegraphy" by Capt. Miles at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Hector), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Tjikarang), 1.30 p.m.

Thursday.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Extraordinary General Meeting Royal H.K. Golf Club at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 9.15 p.m.; followed by Annual Meeting at 8.30 p.m.
Whist drive Helena May Institute, 8.30 p.m.
Social at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, to welcome Rev. and Mrs. W. Walton Rogers, 8.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Canada, U.S.A., etc., and Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Tallapois), 10.30 a.m.; Manila and Australia (Calulu), 5 p.m.

Friday.
Display by Quarry Bay School scholars, 11 a.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Philharmonic Society present "Pirates of Penzance," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Dance at Peak Club for members and subscribers, 9.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Inward: Australia and Manila (Ati Maru).

To Secretaries.
[Secretaries of clubs and associations, etc., are kindly requested to forward any forthcoming events to the *Daily Press* for inclusion in the above column, which it is our endeavour to keep as correct and up-to-date as possible.]

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| 1 Pt. D.O.M. | 2 Qts. St. Julien Claret. |
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| 1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy. | 1 Qt. Vio de Paste Sherry. |
| 2 Qts. King George IV White Label or Perfection Whisky. | 1 Phial Pomeranzen Bitters. |

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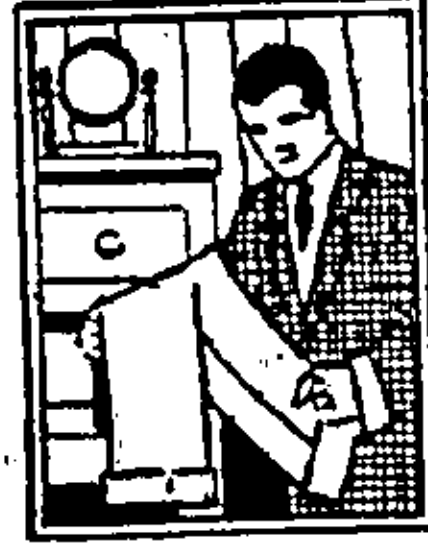
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The following amusing article by "P. F. C." is taken from the *Daily Sketch*:—

As an alternative to crosswords, mah-jongg, bridge and other intellectual exercises, the study of Chinese may be heartily recommended for the long winter evenings which are now approaching; especially for those readers who have written to ask how to pronounce the names in our present serial, "In the Hills of Tang." Eight varieties of Chinese are spoken in different parts of China, and in each the written differs from the spoken language.

The two principal forms are Cantonese and Mandarin; the latter is the official language used by government officials and is understood by educated persons generally all over the country.

There is no alphabet to learn, only about 40,000 different and sometimes extremely complicated characters which represent words; a Chinese who has mastered about 5,000 of them is considered a fairly well-educated man.

Nor is there any grammar to worry about, no numbers, genders, moods or tenses. Just words, which may be nouns, verbs or prepositions, according to the way they are placed, and in the singular or plural, in the past, present or future, as the sense may require.

If you can get a Chinese to help you with the pronunciation there will be no difficulty about that—no method has ever been devised for learning it except by ear.

If you pronounce Tsze Hsi. (Tsay see) Tsao Fuh Hing, so fuh hing; Hsing Shu, sing shoo, you will be as near to it as no matter. Have lunch at a Chinese restaurant and try it on the manager.

Some three thousand years ago a Chinese waited at the street corner for a girl who did not turn up.

Exactly the same thing happened last night to a man in London, and it will happen again to-night to some man or other in Paris, Baghdad and Manchester—also in other places too numerous to mention. After waiting for some time in vain this Chinese went home and wrote a poem about it which for beauty of sentiment and purity of style has become a classic, familiar to every student of Chinese literature.

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In Chinese it is very beautiful.

To speak Chinese a musical ear and a retentive memory are necessary, as the language has only 400 sounds to divide among the 40,000 and odd characters. Consequently a large number of words, written differently and having different meanings, sound exactly the same when spoken.

Chi, for instance (pronounce, shee), may mean chicken, push, remember, etc. Such words are distinguished in speech only by the tone of voice in which they are spoken.

There are four tones altogether, and unless you remember the particular tone which belongs to the word you want to say you may be brought a bushel of rice when you meant to ask for a cup of tea.

A simple sentence, "pu yao chi" (poo yo shee), might mean: Do not bite the chicken—I do not want chicken—Do not not push, or a number of other things, according to the intonation.

Most of the funny stories told in China are about newcomers who got their "tones" mixed up, with embarrassing results.

There are six different ways of writing Chinese, and, apart from that, the written language is so difficult to use correctly that it is beyond the power of even an ordinarily well-educated man to write a polished piece of prose or verse, or even to write a really elegant letter.

Consequently China is more free from minor poets and insignificant men of letters than any country in the world.

A literary career in China is not one to be lightly adopted; it involves devoting one's life to ceaseless study and preparation, and demands a highly developed intellect, and an almost similar intellect is demanded of the reader. There are some writers to-day in England, of prose and of verse, who would have followed some other calling had they been born Chinese!

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Subject—The Source of Temptation.
P.S.A. in Lecture Hall at 4 p.m.
Evening Service at 6 p.m.
Hymns: 22, 439, 67, 251 and 164.
Preacher—Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.
Subject—"Not Peace but a Sword."
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Union Insurance 350 nom.
Yankee Insurance 345 nom.
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Doughbys 324 buy.
H.K. & M. Steamboat 327½ nom.
Hongkong Tugs 11½ nom.
Indo-China (Pref.) 332 buy.
Do. (Def.) 342 buy.
Shell Transport 307½ nom.
Star Ferries 300 sel.
Waterworks 315 buy.
China Sugar 325 sel.
Malacca Sugar 338 nom.
Benquets 314 nom.
Kailan Mining Ad. 32½ nom.
Langkats (combined) 27 nom.
Do. (single) 14 nom.
Shanghai Explorations 4 nom.
Shanghai Loans 9 nom.
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Ural Caspian 8½ nom.
H.K. & W. Wharves 115 sel.
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Humphreys Estates 35 sel.
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Do. (new) 23½ nom.
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Singapore Tractors 35 sel.
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WIFE ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

DRAMATIC SCENES AT ESSEX ASSIZES.

STORY OF DOMESTIC UNHAPPINESS.

On the second day of her trial, which was by a curious coincidence the anniversary of her wedding, Mrs. Harriett Amelia Crouch was at the Essex Assizes acquitted of the charge of murdering her husband by shooting him at Summer House Farm, near Clacton-on-Sea, on August 20th.

An account of the opening of the trial appeared in our issue of Thursday.

It took the jury of eleven men and one woman only 20 minutes to make up their minds, and directly the foreman announced that their verdict was Not Guilty there was an outburst of applause in the crowded court, above which rose the voice of Mr. Justice Mackinnon, who said, "The prisoner will be discharged."

The trial, which lasted for two days, dealt with what Mr. J. D. Cassels, K.C., who prosecuted, described "as the strange household of Summer House Farm, where perhaps the penalty was being paid for the unusual disparity in the ages of the parties concerned."

Mrs. Crouch is 59; her husband was 45. Mr. Cassels, in opening the case, told the court how for some time Mrs. Crouch had complained of a friendship between her husband and a 21-year-old domestic servant named Miss Dorothy Smith.

Her Own Story.

A frail, thin-featured little woman wearing a heavy fur coat and a black hat with aigrettes, Mrs. Crouch was the sole witness in her own defence.

When her first husband died in 1920, she said, she married Mr. Frank Crouch, who was then a commercial traveller. Three years later they went to live at Summer House Farm, she having lent her husband £1,100. A man named Smith was engaged as stockman and with his daughter Dorothy went to live in a cottage near the farmhouse.

Dorothy became a servant or help at the farm, and then trouble began. There was a certain amount of scandal, which at first she discredited, but later, when she told her husband she believed there was something in it, he replied, "The girl thinks the world of you. I would not part from you for £20,000, old girl."

Mrs. Crouch went on to tell how she had seen her husband and Miss Smith kissing in the scullery, how they had been together in the garage and elsewhere.

Next came stories of blows from her husband and a visit she paid in June to a friend in Paris. While there she bought a revolver she saw in a shop window.

Snide Contemplated.

"Why did you buy that revolver?" quietly asked Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., her counsel, in a broken voice, she replied, "Because I wanted to take my life. It was a nightmare, and I didn't know how else to do it."

"At the last moment," she added, "I could not do it. I remembered that my husband's parents, who were over 80, were in the house, and for me to kill myself while they were there would have been a terrible shock for them."

Describing the final scene, Mrs. Crouch said:—

"Directly I reached the farmhouse my husband came in. He followed me into the drawing-room and said, 'What have you been doing at the cottage?' and before I could answer he knocked me down."

"While I was on the floor he kept knocking me, and while I was lying there I felt the revolver pressing against my leg. I pulled it out because I thought if he saw it he would leave off hitting me."

"I swear I had no intention of firing at him either then or at any time. But one shot went off, I think, into the ceiling. My husband then seized my wrist and while he held it a second shot went off. My husband said 'My God,' staggered and got up and went to the door."

Miss Smith and her father arrived, and she heard her husband say "Fetch a doctor," and saw him helped upstairs to his bedroom. "I heard that he was dying," said Mrs. Crouch, "but I could not go into his bedroom. I was too shaken." She admitted that she went into another room and lit a cigarette because she "was shaken."

"Shot" at Counsel.

There was a dramatic moment when Mr. Cassels handed Mrs. Crouch the revolver she used. "Take that," he said, "and show us how it works."

Calmly Mrs. Crouch held the weapon but could not pull the trigger because of the safety catch. With fumbling fingers she released the catch and then, raising the pistol and pointing it towards counsel, pressed the trigger several times.

"Very stiff for it to go off by accident, isn't it?" asked Mr. Cassels. "I don't know what happened," replied Mrs. Crouch. "I only know that I did not aim it at him."

Her cross-examination over, Mrs. Crouch walked from the witness-box to the dock, women giving her encouraging smiles as she passed on her way to listen to the speeches of counsel and the summing up of the judge, and then to wait for the verdict of the jury.

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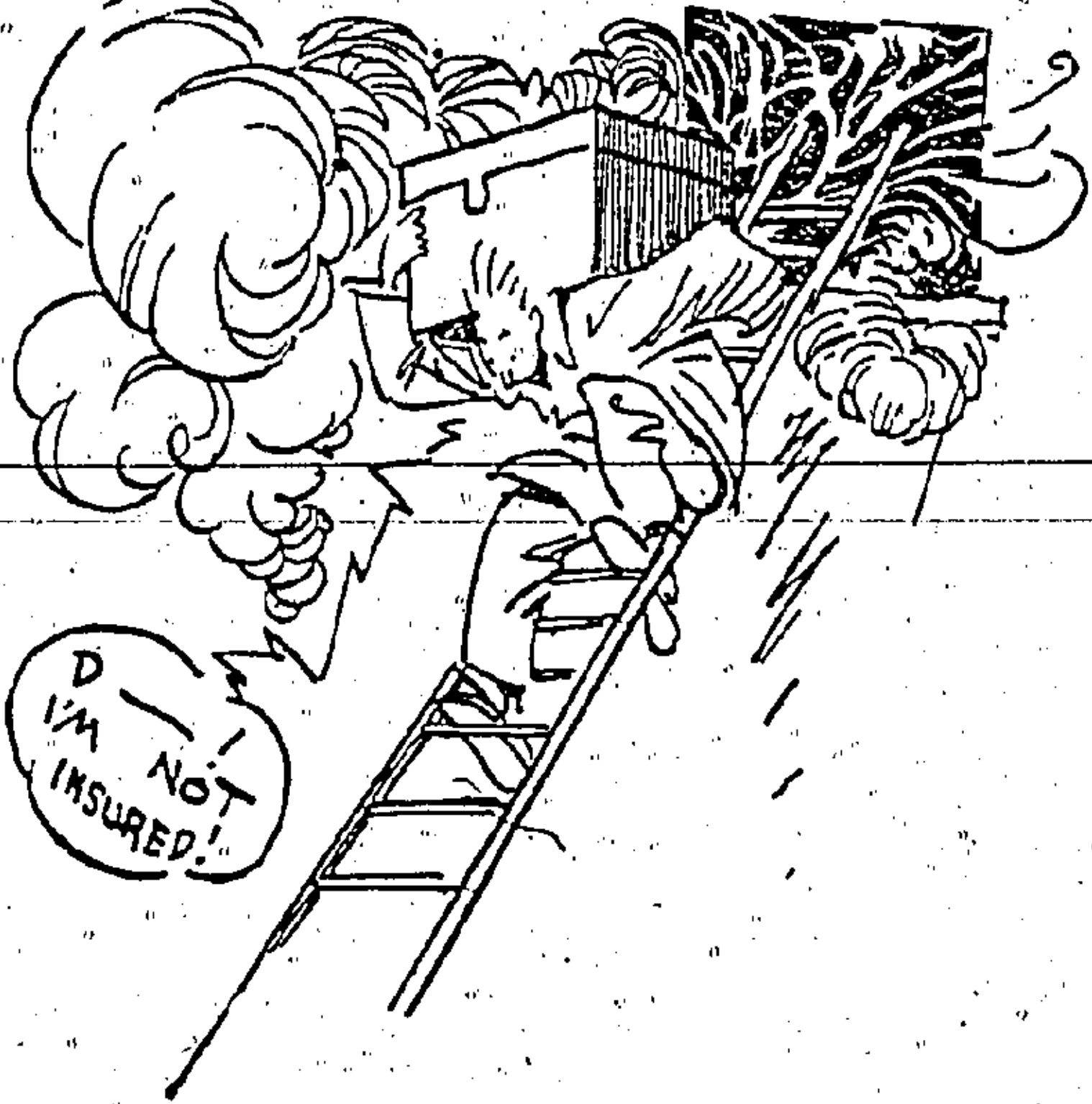
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EVIDENCE OF SECOND AND THIRD ENGINEERS AND CHINESE PASSENGER.

EVIDENCE WEAK AGAINST SOME ACCUSED.

At the sixth hearing at the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. R. E. Lindell, of the case in which twenty Chinese are accused of piracy on board the s.s. "Sunning," Mr. W. Orr (the Second Engineer), concluded his evidence, and Mr. A. Duncan (the Third Engineer of the ship) and a first class Chinese passenger were then called.

Mr. Orr and Mr. Duncan both agreed that they thought that when the last boat left with pirates that there were no more of them on board. They were of opinion that the pirates set fire to the "Sunning" and her boats with the intention of murdering everyone.

The Chinese passenger gave interesting details regarding the pirates' thefts of clothing and money, and of seeing a number of the band dividing up several thousand dollars, in silver money.

The Crown Solicitor, speaking with regard to the 19th accused, the ship's carpenter, said that careful enquiries were being made with regard to this man, but in the absence of Mr. Gordon Leask (defending) he would say no more at present.

During the session there were several sharp passages between his Worship and Mr. Leo d'Almada, defending the second accused, and Mr. M. K. Lo, who objected to having to cross-examine at the end of the day.

His Worship expressed the opinion that at present the evidence was extremely weak against the accused, except in the case of five or six.

THE MORNING SESSION.

Second Engineer's Story Continued.

The Court yesterday sat from eleven o'clock to one o'clock, and again from 2.30 to 5.40, the longest sitting so far in this case. The hearing will be resumed this morning.

Additional precautions are being taken for guarding the accused while they are in Court. An escort of Sikhs, armed with rifles, are on duty, some in the Court, and others at the exits and between the Magistracy and the jail gates.

Mr. H. K. Holmes (Crown Solicitor) is for the prosecution. Mr. Leo d'Almada appears for the second accused; Mr. M. K. Lo for the sixth accused and ten others, and Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask is for the defence of the 19th accused.

Describing the progress of the fire, witness said that it appeared to have started in the cabin of the second mate, spreading until the whole upper works were involved. Two wounded men were seen to crawl along the deck near the after port lifeboat which had been deliberately set on fire, and to drop overboard after a buoy and life-jacket had been thrown in. About this time, a cry was heard in plain English calling out to the Captain:—"If you give up your arms, we will assist you to put out the fire."

As witness went forward to save the other lifeboat from destruction, he saw No. 7 defendant being beaten and tied up by the crew. On two occasions he had seen No. 6 defendant (the man named So Tik Sui, who is being defended by Mr. M. K. Lo) speaking to two men (one of whom was the 20th defendant) as they were lying wounded on the forward main deck, after being lowered from the burning bridge. It was on information received from a mess-boy that he caused this man to be arrested by the naval guard.

Identification of Accused.
Mr. Holmes: You have already identified numbers 1, 2, 7 and 20. Can you identify any more?—Yes, No. 3.

Mr. Holmes: Did you see him during daylight?—Yes.

Mr. Holmes: Was he armed?—Yes, he had a Winchester rifle.

Witness said that he could not identify any of the other men in Court.

Mr. Holmes: Do you identify No. 19?—Yes, he is the ship's carpenter. He took no part in the piracy.

Mr. Holmes (to the Magistracy): As Mr. Leask is not here, I should like to have that taken down, as I may have to make an application later on.

Continuing, witness said that he saw the 6th defendant talking to a wounded man—the 20th accused. He could not say that he had seen him participating in the piracy. Witness received certain information from a mess 'boy' and consequently No. 6 was arrested and put on board H.M.S. Bluebell.

In answer to the 1st accused witness stated: "I first saw you at 4 o'clock on the saloon deck. You were carrying a rifle. You were walking up and down the deck. I certainly saw you on and off until 10 a.m."

Mr. d'Almada: At what time, approximately, did the Bluebell first come on the scene?—

His Worship: Surely that is a waste of time?

A Deliberate Act?

Mr. Lo asked the witness whether he agreed that from what he saw there was a deliberate setting fire to the boats and centre castle of the ship, and that by leaving in the boats the pirates deliberately planned to murder everyone on board and thereby leave no trace of the piracy.

Witness: Yes. That is my opinion.

Mr. Lo: That would be the most effective way of destroying all evidence of the piracy?—Yes.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

Third Engineer's Story Continued.

At the resumed hearing in the afternoon, Mr. Duncan said that the last time he saw Mr. Lapsley was in the chart room about 11.30. Witness then went on to speak of the fight in the dark, and mentioned that he heard the Chief Engineer shout out twice "My God, don't shoot." A few seconds later witness saw the Chief Engineer stagger, wounded in the leg, into the Captain's cabin. Witness then spoke of hoping the Russian lady passenger and other officers through the skylight in the Captain's room to the bridge.

Mr. Duncan went on to describe the attempts of the pirates to recapture the vessel and the lowering of the No. 2 lifeboat with several officers including himself, in it (an account of which has previously been given).

Pirates Recognised.

Asked if he could identify any of the pirates among the accused in Court, witness said he recognised Nos. 2 and 3. He had seen No. 4 and No. 5 on the ship, but could not connect them with any particular incident. No. 2, witness said, was always walking around the saloon deck armed; while No. 3 was also armed, and he had seen him in the Chief Officer's room on one occasion. Witness also identified No. 20 as one of the armed pirates. He knew the 19th accused as the ship's carpenter. He had also seen No. 18 on the ship, but did not know anything beyond that about the man.

Mr. Lo asked witness if he agreed with Mr. Orr's opinion that the pirates deliberately set fire to the centre-castle of the "Sunning" and the boats with a view to destroying all evidence of the piracy and murdering everyone on board.

To this question, witness replied that he did.

Witness also agreed that there was no firing after the second batch of pirates left the "Sunning" in a boat.

Mr. Lo said that Mr. Orr had also expressed the view that at the time the pirates left in the boats it was his opinion that, apart from the dead and disabled pirates on board, all the pirates had left.

Witness replied that he did not think about whether there were any pirates on board or not at that time. He took all possible precautions, however, when he descended the bridge to leave in No. 2 lifeboat.

To Smoke Them Out.

In reply to further questions by Mr. Lo, witness said he thought the pirates who left in the boats deliberately left some of their hand behind to be burned in the fire. In his opinion the pirates, when they set fire to the ship, intended to smoke out all the Europeans on the bridge. "They did not want anyone else," Mr. Duncan added, "they could get at them already."

In reply to a further question, Mr. Duncan said only the two starboard boats were set on fire. If they had attempted to fire the port boats the officers could have stopped them.

Further questioned, witness admitted that at the time the last of the boats left with the pirates it was his opinion that all the pirates had left the ship, because the firing had ceased.

Mr. Duncan left the witness box at 3.30.

Chinese Passenger's Story.

A first class Chinese passenger of the "Sunning" on this trip was the next witness.

He said he was a treasurer of a knitting factory at Shanghai. He saw, during the afternoon of November 15th, a

number of Chinese struggling with an Indian guard. Later, four armed Chinese came to his cabin and took away the best of his clothing. Later he was searched again and the pirates took from him \$150 in Hong Kong and Shanghai currency. From another cabin the pirates later stole a watch and finger rings.

Witness went on to recount how he bolted to the after part of the ship and saw armed men dividing several thousand dollars in silver money between them outside the ticket collector's room.

Witness, who was rather garrulous, was several times pulled up by his Worship, who had told him simply to answer questions, and not to go into details. He repaired his error for a while, but again lapsed into garrulity, until Mr. Lindell interposed "Don't talk so much, old man."

Division of Spoils.

Witness went on to say that he recognised Nos. 1, 2 and 4 accused as men taking part in the division of the spoils, which were put in small rattan grips and then packed into a leather trunk.

About midnight, continued witness, some pirates came aft and said "Up you go to the bridge," and forced a number of passengers to leave the after house. Witness escaped into a lavatory, where he hid, the ship being on fire.

Witness said that he asked the pirates to allow the passengers to try and put out the fire, and he was told that if he could persuade the officers to give up their arms the passengers would be allowed to. Witness, however, went forward and with other passengers commenced working on the fire.

Should Not Be Rushed.

At this juncture cross-examination was invited, but Mr. Lo said that as the hour was getting late he would like to reserve his cross-examination until this morning. He felt too tired at this time of the day to go on. "I should not be rushed," added Mr. Lo.

His Worship replied that the work he had to do in this case was a great deal more than Mr. Lo's. He was prepared, however, to sit until six o'clock. This particular witness had been called out of turn because he wanted to return to Shanghai the next morning, but had given his word that he would return to Hong Kong for the Criminal Sessions.

Mr. Lo said that as the witness was back he would reserve his cross-examination until then.

Shortly before the Court adjourned, Mr. Lo and Mr. d'Almada asked formal permission to reserve their cross-examinations.

In answer to a question by his Worship, Mr. Holmes said there were three passengers who were witnesses in this case, who wanted to leave the Colony.

Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence) said that one of them had been waiting for a fortnight to go to Australia, and it was with difficulty he had been restrained from leaving.

His Worship asked if the Crown were calling this witness this morning.

Mr. Holmes replied that he proposed calling the "Sunning's" wireless operator this morning, which would finish the evidence of the ship's officers.

Evidence Weak.

During a further discussion with a defending solicitor his Worship said: "It does not follow that all the accused will go for trial. At present the evidence is extremely weak, except in the case of about five."

After further argument, the Court rose at 5.40, the accused being remanded until this morning at eleven o'clock.

Hongkong Weekly Press.

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS PUBLISHED TO-DAY, GIVES A FULL REPORT OF THE POLICE PROSECUTION, SO FAR AS IT HAS GONE, OF THE MEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE "SUNNING" PIRACY.

The detailed evidence of the officers of the Ship furnishes us with a story of the remarkable fight on board which is more thrilling than many a novel.

The interest taken in the attack on the vessel has been world-wide and the people at Home will wish to follow the further developments. For these they should be supplied with copies of the WEEKLY.

To day's issue also contains much information of considerable importance regarding the political situation in China.

With the departure of the Kuomintang officials from Canton to Wuchang, "the storm centre" has passed from the South to Central China, but it has left behind it an aftermath of strikes and labour troubles which is preventing a complete trade revival.

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A RIFT IN THE LUTE.

TROUBLE AT PARTY HEAD-
QUARTERS.DEPARTURE OF CANTON
OFFICIALS DELAYED.

THE BANK CLERKS' STRIKE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

General Tan Yen Kai, Mr. Chang Ching Kiang and other leading members of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee were unable to leave Canton on December 9th for Wuchang, as originally intended, owing to sudden political developments.

On the eve of the departure of the leaders, members of one of the factions in the Party seized the documents and premises which should have been surrendered to the new officials and, of course, this party dispute had to be settled.

The "Prince clique" in Canton is feeling much humiliated, it is said, owing to the fact that General Li Tsi Hsin, the acting Commander-in-Chief of the Kuomintang Army in Canton, has appointed Garrison Commissioner Chien Ta Chun as Chief of Police without referring the matter to Mr. Sun Fo, the Mayor of Canton. The post of Chief of Police, it is argued, comes within the Canton Municipal Administration of which Mr. Sun Fo, son of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, is the head.

On the other hand the administration of the "Prince clique" is charged with inefficiency. Responsibility for the labour tyranny is placed on their shoulders and it is pointed out that unless the police force is directed by better and stronger hands further trouble may be anticipated and nothing but anarchy will result. As already reported, the Police of Canton have now been given instructions to prevent labour leaders from arresting citizens, seizing property and organising armed parades.

The Bank Strike.

Again, certain difficulties have arisen owing to the disinclination of the Bank managers to submit their dispute with employees to the Kuomintang, unless the Kuomintang will act as mediators only, leaving the question of final agreement to the parties concerned. The banks were unable to comply with the order of the Kuomintang to resume business whilst the order was accompanied by a stipulation that the banks might not remove anything from their premises pending a settlement of the trouble. The bankers contend that the present strike was unprovoked by any action on their part and that the employees simply walked out without giving the managers time to consider the demands put forward.

The Kuomintang in Canton have granted General Huang Shao Hung, Hupan or Assistant Director of Military Affairs in Kwangsi, exclusive right to deal in opium. This, it is hoped, will enable him to raise about \$1,000,000 monthly for military purposes. General Huang, however, will not be allowed to put more than a \$1.50 tax on each tael of opium sold within his jurisdiction.

The Nanchang Conference.

The recent conference of Kuomintang leaders held at Nanchang last week, according to information given out at Canton, has decided to form a provincial government for Kiangsi on February 1st, to dissolve the Provincial Assembly of the People there, to add a sum of not more than \$5,000,000 military expenditure to the Provincial army budget, and to organize a special commission to deal with all persons who have opposed the Kuomintang cause.

The Kuomintang are issuing another domestic loan of \$50,000,000 to be shared equally by people of the provinces of Kwangtung, Hunan, Hupeh, and Kiangsi.

THE TRADE POSITION.

It was expected yesterday that the boycott of the Hoag Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company's vessels would be lifted, but there has been no definite improvement in the position so far. The *Patchon* did not bring any cargo down yesterday, apart from the usual produce. The *Sai On* brought in 3,000 packages of merchandise and between 600 and 700 passengers.

PIRATES WITH MUSIC
AND LAUGHTER.THE PENZANCE VARIETY AT
THE THEATRE ROYAL.SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION BY THE
PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

The real object of the Philharmonic Society of Hongkong is to promote good music in the Colony. The Father and Mother of promoting anything is a sound knowledge of values, and because of the general appeal of "The Pirates of Penzance," this Society did well to choose their present production. We have so much tragedy in our private lives and so many worries in our various affairs, that it is, indeed, a glorious thing to be a Pirate King, even for one evening.

Mr. Davies is, certainly, to be congratulated on many accounts; firstly, on having brought his entire cast to the footlights bearing such an air of genuine ease and enjoyment. All work and no play make Jack and Jill dull children, and in so many amateur theatricals the intense strain in the minds of the performers is apt to creep across the footlights, through the orchestra, and into the stalls. In the play of the moment some sixty people of Hong Kong sing and dance upon the stage of the Theatre Royal, and suggest on page and poster that we should hire a seat and watch them enjoy themselves. And having watched once why not again? For here are arts and crafts, technique and adroitness, here are pantomime and musical comedy, humour, buffoonery, wit. Here are sly digs at our national affections, which though Gilbert sat, pen in hand, nearly fifty years ago, have still their points in vinegar. Here is fun for every one of us. Fun to produce, and fun to watch, and therein one pays the producer the highest compliment. He has used every ounce of talent available in his cast.

Mr. R. M. Keown enjoyed himself in the role of Pirate King, and in his contentment it is possible that he lost some of that boom and savagery that one associates with pirate kingship. A little more ferocity, Mr. Keown, please; and Oh! do tell us where you found those lovely "frillies" with the little touch of mauve on the border! He has songs to sing, and does so convincingly, and such lovely polishing lines to hurl across at the Major General. Unlike the pirates nearer home in Bias Bay, this band of buccannering desperadoes finds it hard to make both ends meet in their bold profession. The King laments the fact, and "Frederic," the young apprentice, points out that if they continue to spare all orphans, and also continue to allow such well known pleas to sway their susceptible hearts, they are indeed likely to starve. Mr. D. M. Richards playing "Frederic" was a great success. His duet and recitation with Ruth: "Oh! false one, you have deceived me," his "Stop, Ladies, pray!" and more particularly, his "Oh! is there not one maiden breast" and his duet "Stay, Frederic, Stay" were all a pleasure to hear, and to watch. His acting is restrained.

Mr. A. J. Brock taking the part of the "very model of a modern Major General" had a very good part and filled it. He played with energy and humour through the first act, and survived harrowing experiences during the second half with equal ability. He is particularly light on his feet, and clear in diction, a difficult task when confronted with such patter, quip, and jest as fall to his share.

Mr. R. S. W. Paterson as Lieutenant to the Pirate King used his considerable voice with good effect, and unburied precision.

In the second act Engr. Lieut. A. S. Bedells, R.N., gives us the almost perfect Sergeant of Police. His uniform of blue grows on him, his voice and vitality grow upon the audience. His boots are the boots of the "Peeler," and he uses them with confidence and emphasis. The old favourite "When a felon's not engaged in his employment," with its verses of burglar and cutler, must always be received with enthusiasm, and this occasion was no exception to the rule; in fact "taking one consideration with another" Lieut. Bedells and his metable and energetic chorus can "go to meet their fate, in a highly nervous state," but have no fear of their reception by those listening.

And so we join the ladies! Mrs. G. Watt as "Ruth, Pirate Maid of all Work," sang to us "When Frederic was a little lad," and many other songs and recitations. She comes on first, and goes off with the chorus at the end, never belying her reputation as an "inestimable treasure." Her voice is good, her expression charming, she plays with confidence and makes an admirable foil with her low clear voice to both chorus and leading lady.

Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith as "Mabel, General Stanley's daughter" was all that could be desired in voice and grace. Her voice needs no eulogising in Hong Kong, it is clear and perfectly true. The soft tones of her blue dress and bonnet were particularly becoming.

Mrs. Fleming, Miss Punchedon, and Miss Jefford filled the roles of "Edith," "Kate," and "Isabel," and made a most picturesque splash of colour in dresses of deep orange, pale yellow, and apple green. They played their parts with vivacity, and led the chorus through many songs, and shifting scenes. Of all their tests perhaps the talk about the weather is the most difficult to sing, and in this case was the most successful of their scenes, "Mabel" and "Frederic."

(Continued on next Column).

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONG KONG.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG
DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—The interesting lecture of Mr. Lindsell on Chinese names brings to my mind the necessity of revising those of certain districts in the Colony and, to begin with, the name of Ngau Shi Wan should be thrown overboard. Each time this name is mentioned, it jars on one's nerves. There are no grounds for its retention. Its origin does not bear analysis and, on aesthetic grounds, its elimination is now urged in all seriousness.—Yours faithfully,

KOWLOON.

Hong Kong, December 10th, 1926.

whispering of their newly found love, while all the General's daughters sing the words, and contribute their *sotto voce* chorus.

The stage is not a big one, and the twenty five ladies of the chorus mentioned below, have been very carefully drilled to make themselves into such a compact background without suggestion of crowding. Their dresses in the first act were of sprigged material in pink and blue, and rainbow hues, some mauve bonnets being introduced at the back of the stage with good effect. The long curls hung down on either shoulder, the hair softened the curves so long discouraged by modern fashion, and many a woman on the leisured side of the footlights thought with regret of the days long passed when she, too, could play the Quaker with such charming aids. When backed by the twenty five gallant pirates in short striped sarongs, and scarlet head dresses the stage was a sea of colour, carefully controlled by Messrs. Coles and Derrick.

The scenery was designed by Mr. R. S. W. Paterson and painted by Mr. Chan Shiu-Fung. Realizing the difficulties of accommodating so much in so small a space, it is easy to see that the artists could not have as much liberty as they would like, with the scenery in the first act. It was scarcely a rocky sea shore on the coast of Cornwall, but both the ruined chapel, and the moonlight effects were realistic in the second act.

I have said nothing as yet of the orchestra which deserves special notice. With the exception of Musicians F. Morey, R.M., the band was entirely amateur, and most ably conducted by Mr. W. R. Fleming. Thirteen members belonged to the "Ubique Amateurs Orchestra" and the total number brought the orchestra up to twenty three. They accompanied the songs with restraint and sympathy, and did justice to the lovely Overture.

The opening performance went with a swing from first to last. It was a very real success and everyone present enjoyed it. The house was fairly full and we hope that it will be packed for every subsequent performance.

Dramatis Personae. THALIA.

Major-General Stanley... Mr. A. J. Brock.
The Pirate King... Mr. R. M. Keown.
Frederic (his apprentice)...

Mr. D. M. Richards.
Samuel (his Lieutenant)...

Mr. R. S. W. Paterson.
Sergeant of Police...

Engr. Lieut. A. S. Bedells, R.N.
Mabel (General Stanley's daughter)...

Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith.
Edith (General Stanley's daughter)...

Mrs. W. R. Fleming.
Kate (General Stanley's daughter)...

Miss D. Punchedon.
Isabel (General Stanley's daughter)...

Miss V. M. Jefford.
Ruth (Pirate Maid-of-all-work)...

Mrs. G. Watt.
Chorus of Pirates, Police, and General Stanley's Daughters.

Messdames Albaster, Carr, Clark, Cornaby, Farrar, Greenway, Hayward, Hooper, Harder, Hollidge, Hurst, Millard, Magill, Marcel, Strange, Wallace.

Misses Aris, Cole, Dunn, McClay, Razzavet, Shaw, Spanton, Stuart, Stubblings.

Messrs. Allman-Ward, Baldwin, Barnett, Bennett, Best, Brown, Hargreaves, Browne, Bray, Harmon, Halward, Harvey, Hoare, Jefford, Jeffreys, Pethick, Provan, Rycroft, Rushton, Spence, Sutherland, Taylor, R. D. Thomas, E. C. Thomas, Thomson, Westlake.

Mr. R. E. Davies, as already stated, was the Stage Manager and Producer.

Mr. G. W. Atwell was the Property Master, Mrs. H. Harrison, the Wardrobe Mistress, Mrs. J. H. Shaw, the Accompanist, and Mr. F. P. Lenfestey the Prompter.

The men's costumes were by Burkinshaw (Liverpool) and Ah Men and Hing Cheong, and the ladies' dresses by Ah Hung and the Pioneer Silk Store.

The Orchestra.

Violins:—Mr. S. Gray, Mrs. Scott, Mr. C. A. P. Xavier, Mr. G. E. Longyear, Miss R. Judah, Mr. J. L. Alves, Mr. W. Curtis and Mr. J. M. S. Rosario.

Cello:—Mr. N. U. Botelho, Mr. S. Paul, Bass:—Mr. P. N. Sequeira, Flute:—Mr. E. Price, Piccolo:—Mr. R. Marsh, Oboe:—Mr. C. Miles, Clarinet:—Mr. J. Shaw, Bassoon:—Mr. H. Duncan, French Horns:—Mr. E. Doherty, Mr. T. Hedley, Trumpet:—Mr. H. Middleton, Trombone:—Mr. H. G. Everitt, Euphonium:—Mr. C. Hagen, Tympani, etc.:—Musicians F. Morey, R.M., at the Piano:—Mrs. J. H. Shaw.

Hon. Conductor:—Mr. W. R. Fleming.

Thanks.

The Committee of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society desire to express their thanks to Messdames Allman-Ward, Gay Cumming and Jenner, and to Messrs. Hurst, Luck and Nicholson for assistance given in the production of the Opera.

FORMER PARTNERS AT LAW.

BREWER & CO. AS DEFENDANTS.

MR. BREWER AS PLAINTIFF.

Before Mr. Justice Wood at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, a long argument ensued as to whether the Summary Court had jurisdiction in a certain case, and it was only when the writ was amended that the difficulty was overcome.

The plaintiff was Mr. N. J. Brewer, of the Victoria Hotel, Kowloon, and the defendants, Messrs. Brewer & Co., Book-sellers, Pedder Street. Mr. Brewer was formerly a partner in the Company, and practised in the Colony as a barrister.

It was stated that Brewer & Co. had leased their premises from the Chinese Estates, Ltd., and had signed a certain bond for \$1,000 as security. At the time Mr. Brewer was a partner in the Company. It was further stated that the Company was at present somewhat in arrear in regard to the rent.

Mr. Brewer asked that he should be exonerated from the bond, and also claimed from the defendant Company the \$1,000, wherewith to pay the Chinese Estates, Ltd. He submitted that the claim was capable of being heard in the Summary Court in its equitable jurisdiction.

Mr. M. W. Lo, for Brewer & Company, disputed this. Eventually Mr. Brewer amended the writ which was to the effect that he claimed from the defendant \$1,000 in respect of a certain bond.

Mr. Brewer said that with regard to the lease, the rent was payable in advance at the beginning of each month. The lease was eventually amended, and the stipulated deposit of \$1,000 was waived in favour of the bond. Messrs. Pasco and Brewer were the guarantors of the lease. It was agreed to accept the bond in lieu of the deposit. Rent was owing and had been owing since the continuance of the lease. The Chinese Estates, Ltd., continued Mr. Brewer, could claim upon him at any time. Mr. Brewer quoted several cases in support of his contention. He said he would be none the richer if the \$1,000 was awarded him as it belonged to the lessors.

Mr. M. W. Lo said that the plaintiff was backing out of his contract. He had come to Court to ask to be released from his bond. The landlord had a right to hold him to it.

Mr. Justice Wood thought that the bond was still in force and plaintiff could not get out of his responsibility.

Mr. Lo: He wants \$1,000, and if it is accepted by the landlord the bond would be done away with.

After further argument, Mr. Lo agreed that as the writ was amended, Mr. Brewer could not back out of it.

Mr. Lo then argued that Mr. Brewer's liability would not arise until the lease terminated. At present there was no liability of any kind.

Mr. Justice Wood referring to the bond, said that liability arose immediately on default. Mr. Lo eventually agreed.

At this stage the case was adjourned until 11.45 a.m. on Monday.

POSSESSION OF ARMS.

DEFENDANT GETS TWO YEARS.

Man Pui, a painter on the s.s. *Bengloe*, was charged yesterday afternoon, at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, sitting with Major C. Willson, with possession of three revolvers and 300 rounds of ammunition. Defendant was represented by Mr. F. G. Vaux, of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist.

Man Pui was arrested on November 2nd at Kowloon, while boarding a motor-bus after landing from the Star Ferry. On a search being made, the arms and ammunition were found in his possession.

Mr. Vaux pleaded "Guilty" to the charge, but asked the Court to take a lenient view of the matter as his client was forced to carry the arms and ammunition for the No. 1 seaman. The defendant, it was pointed out by Mr. Vaux, had only made one trip to Europe and it could not be said that he had been in the "smuggling game" before.

The Police asked for a heavy sentence, on the ground that such offences were getting too serious and that the defendant had admitted, in a statement which he made at the Police Station, that he had purposely smuggled the arms and ammunition into the Colony, with a view to enriching himself. Man Pui said he "was a family man and very poor."

Defendant was sentenced to two years' hard labour.

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

The annual examinations for Classes 3-8 at the Diocesan Boys' School finished on Wednesday last. Classes 1 and 2 are taking the Hong Kong University Matriculation and Junior Examinations this week and next.

The promotion for Classes 3 to 8 will be made on Monday, December 13th.

On Thursday last all the boys in these classes, two hundred and fourteen in number with one exception, were divided into eight junior and eight senior association football teams and a knock out competition was played all day, each two teams playing fifteen minutes each way.

On Friday three masters, three lady teachers and one hundred and sixty-six boys went by launch from Mongkok to Taun Wan, walked through Pineapple Pass to the Shing Mun Valley, through the new water tunnel and thence to Lai-chikok. The party left school at 8.30 a.m. and returned at 3.30 p.m. with the loss so far as could be ascertained of only one pair of shoes and stockings.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 5/NS 4393 dated HONGKONG, 2nd OCTOBER, 1917, for One Share of this Bank Nominal 4000 in the Name of Mr. LO KWONG YIN has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 31st JANUARY, 1927, a New Certificate for the Share will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 5/NS 4393 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th December, 1926. [4291]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 5/NS 4760 dated HONGKONG, 31st AUGUST, 1917, for Three Shares of this Bank Nominal 54094/54096 in the Name of Mr. LO KWONG LUM has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 31st JANUARY, 1927, a New Certificate for the Share will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 5/NS 4760 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th December, 1926. [4292]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certified Transfer Deed for One Share of this Bank Numbered 62658 in the Name of Mr. ANTHONY HENRY CARROLL stated to have been completed by Mrs. E. M. STAPLETON has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certified Transfer Deed not be produced before the 31st JANUARY, 1927, a New Certified Transfer Deed will be issued, and the aforesaid Missing Certified Transfer Deed will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th December, 1926. [4293]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

THE Certificate No. 1558 for One Silver Share No. 1138 now converted into Five Gold Shares in this Society standing in the Name of CHAS. H. RICHARDSON of Hong Kong has been declared LOST, and if at the expiration of One Month from the date hereof the above Document be not forthcoming the said Certificate will be deemed Cancelled, and of No Effect, and a NEW Certificate for the Five Gold Shares will be issued in its stead by the Society.

PAUL LATHEE,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 22nd November, 1926. [4295]

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MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.
Hong Kong, 10th December, 1926. [4296]

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The Site has been levelled and is about 54,000 sq. ft. in area. It is situated about 350 yards from the Top Station of the Penang Hill Railway at a height of about 7,400 feet above sea level.

The Lease will be for a Term of 99 years and the Rent will be \$100 per annum.

It will be a condition of the Lease that the Lessee agrees to erect a Hotel within a Period of Three Years in accordance with Plans which have already been approved by the Government of the Straits Settlements and that failure to observe this condition will entitle the Government to re-enter and resume possession of the Land.

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Applications in Sealed Covers and marked on the outside "PENANG HILL HOTEL" will be received at the RESIDENT COUNCILLOR'S OFFICE at PENANG up to MAY 31st, 1927.

Plans can be seen and further Information obtained at the Office of W. CAMPBELL OMAN, F.R.I.B.A., 19-20, RAFFLES PLACE, SINGAPORE.

The Government of the Straits Settlements does not bind itself to accept any application.

R. SCOTT,
Resident Councillor,
PENANG. [4261]

S.S. "AMAZONE."

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLES, also from LA PALICE COGNAC, LONDON &c., ex s.s. "YANG-TSE" in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence Delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless instructions are received from the Consignees 12 hours before arrival requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after Monday, 13th instant, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

All Claims must be sent in to us on or before the Thursday, the 16th December, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

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MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.
Hong Kong, 7th December, 1926. [4295]

PRINCE LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Motor Vessel

"ASIATIC PRINCE" having arrived from the above Port on 5th instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Saturday, 11th instant, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within Fifteen days of the Vessel's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th instant, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by FURNESS (FAR EAST), LTD., 2nd Floor, King's Building, Connaught Road, Hong Kong. Telephone No. 6165.

Hong Kong, 6th December, 1926. [4288]

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BIRTH.

HADDEN.—On December 2nd, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. HADDEN, a son.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.

The marriage of Mr. ROBERT LYTCHOR READ, of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Shanghai, and Miss JEAN VAN DER PLIGT, will be celebrated at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, December 18th, at 2.30 p.m. Friends will be cordially welcomed both at the Cathedral and at the Reception, which will be held at the residence of Mr. John Fleming, 105, Peak. They are asked to accept this as the only intimation as no other intimations are being issued. [4299]

Hong Kong Office: 1A, Chater Road.
London Office: 121, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 11th, 1926.

THE MINERS' STRIKE.

THE fact regarding the recent coal strike in England which astonishes the outside world is that it should have lasted so long. Even assuming Russia supplied two million sterling this would not support the miners more than two weeks. England must be an extraordinarily wealthy country when, after a devastating war, it can not only support a million unemployed, but also provide sustenance for a million miners and their families for more than six months. The continuance of the struggle may not be a tribute to the common sense of the opponents to the fight, but it reflects great credit on the nation that there was so little disturbance, so little violence, and no bloodshed.

The trouble with coal is that like rubber and silver, there is more produced than can be absorbed. The price, therefore, has tended to drop to such a point that the collieries had to be reorganised and the miners had to produce the coal at a cost which would allow it to compete in the international market. It is an

undignified thing when coal which was the foundation of England's industrial prosperity becomes a drug on the market, but the fact is that the supremacy of King Coal is being challenged from two sides; first, many ships are now using oil and, secondly, water power is being utilised to a much greater extent than before. The new Irish Free State, for example, is spending five million sterling on the River Shannon scheme. This will doubtless bring factories within the orbit of that power and tend to diminish the Irish demand for English coal. It is characteristic of what is going on in various parts of Europe, in the Rhone Valley, in Germany with its swift flowing Rhine, in Switzerland where every petty village has its electric light, and electrically driven saws, and likewise in Northern Italy.

A very important factor, however, in this question is the economic situation in Europe. Russia used to be a very important customer for English coal; fifty to sixty ships were in pre-war days continuously employed in keeping the Baltic ports supplied with fuel. In 1913 Russia imported 7,764,000 tons of coal; in 1925 she received only 46,000 tons. France too was an important customer but since she has occupied the Saar basin she draws her supplies from there in part payment of indemnity and so she need no longer rely on the English market. Germany will have to rely on England for her supplies, now she has been deprived of the Saar basin for fifteen years, and the Silesian fields have been merged into Poland, but the country, impoverished by the war, has not yet been able to get her industries going fully.

The miner, therefore, has come up against hard economic facts which all the sympathy in the world will not alter. That a strike during his struggle is quite true, for his work is of a peculiarly arduous and dangerous nature. In Great Britain half the fatal industrial accidents and more than half the non-fatal accidents occur in coal mines and quarries. Unlike those who work above ground the miner has to develop a special "pit sense." The ear has to be trained to strange sounds, the eye to strange conditions of lighting, and the body to strange positions. The time taken in the development of this pit sense varies with the individual and it is during this period of adjustment that many of the accidents occur. There are also the ever present risks of flooding and of explosions with their dire consequences. Such risks naturally affect the mind of the worker and win for him the sympathy of the thinking part of the community who are dependent for much of their happiness and comfort on his arduous labours.

The great hope is that the termination of the struggle will usher in a long period of peace and goodwill in the coal fields which will enable the work at the mines to be placed on a sound financial basis, for the industry important as it is in itself, is still more so to other English industries, for which it gives the key to prosperity.

On Thursday one Chinese case of enteric fever was reported.

The pupils of the Quarry Bay School will give a display on Friday next at 11 a.m.

We have received a very useful and well set out wall calendar from the N.Y.K.

Craigengower Cricket Club dance (in the Club House at Happy Valley) begins at 9.15 to-night.

Normal working with Shanghai and beyond has been re-established by the local Telegraph Companies.

The Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., has issued an effective desk calendar for the coming year.

An examination for new boys at St. Stephen's College (Prospect Place, Bomham Road) will be held at 9.30 a.m. to-day.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on a Chinese for cruelty to animals. Defendant was charged with carrying three pigs in one basket.

Isako's Circus left Shanghai yesterday by the s.s. *Lingchow*, and hope to arrive here on Monday. The manager hopes to be able to open the circus on December 18th.

A steward on the s.s. *Carinthia*, the round-the-world liner, could not be found when the vessel left yesterday. He was last seen on Thursday night. His name is Place, and he is 38 years of age.

The "Melodians" Orchestra were in attendance at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant last night on the occasion of the Kowloon Cricket Club dance. There was an excellent attendance and a thoroughly enjoyable time was spent.

A number of British merchant vessels on the run between Shanghai and Hong Kong are now carrying the Union Jack painted very boldly on their sides to give militarists of both camps no excuse for firing on the vessels of a friendly power.

Among the passengers due here tomorrow by the P. & O. s.s. *Kashmir*, from London via ports, is Major E. Carrion, side-de-camp to His Majesty the King of Spain. Major Carrion is proceeding to Manila, where he has large tobacco interests.

When two men arrested for smoking illicit opium should have appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, it was found that one had jumped his bail of \$50. "You will pay a fine of \$30," said the Magistrate to the man who had put in an appearance.

For selling cigarettes without a licence, a Chinese woman asked the Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) yesterday morning at the Central Magistracy for a chit to the hawkers' licence office. "I will not give you one," retorted Mr. Lindsell. "There are far too many cigarette sellers already. It simply means that you cut one another's throats." Defendant was fined \$3.

A fire which occurred at 10.30 Thursday night, destroyed four one-storied dwelling houses on the island of Apichau, opposite Aberdeen village. Originating at No. 3 house, it quickly spread to the adjoining houses, until Nos. 1, 2 and 5 were alight. The Brigade arrived from Hong Kong soon after receiving the alarm but all the four buildings were destroyed.

A dance has been arranged to take place at the Peak Club on Friday next, beginning at 8.30 p.m. Tickets, \$2 per person, can be obtained from the No. 1 Boy, who will also supply programmes if required, but instructions have been given that no programmes are to be given without a corresponding number of tickets. A special late Peak tram will be run at 12.30 p.m.

Mr. Kishi, president of the Japanese Society for Physical Culture, has received an official invitation from China to attend the eighth Far Eastern Olympic Tournament, which is to be held in Shanghai next August, according to a Tokyo News Agency message. The message states that India has indicated a desire to participate in the meeting and China is conferring with Japan on the question.

A report was received at the Water Police Station on Thursday night from *President Wilson*, that during the afternoon, a vest, the property of a passenger, was stolen from a cabin. With the garment there disappeared a gold Elgin watch and rope pattern chain, with a jade pendant attached, valued at \$235, a gold mounted pen and a gold pencil case, which with the vest, brought the total value to \$235.

Three Chinese appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday at the Central Magistracy as a result of a raid made under the direction of Senior Revenue Officer C. Watt, on a house where he found the three defendants smoking opium. The first defendant was fined \$75 or six weeks' hard labour and the second defendant \$3 or seven days. The second defendant was discharged with a caution.

At this week's public lecture of the local Lodge of The Theosophical Society on Thursday, Mr. H. E. Lane gave an address on "Theosophy and World Problems." He said that our civilization had brought us enormous advances in science, and yet, the growing suffering and need in the world makes us realize that this particular type of civilization is breaking down. War, and the life of the community organised for service instead of for personal gain.

An armed robbery, accompanied by shooting, which resulted in the death of a Chinese policeman and the wounding of two other persons, occurred in Nantao, Shanghai, recently when seven men entered a Chinese butchery and intimidated the inmates with automatic pistols. Gathering up some \$800 from the accountant's desk, they attempted to make off when one of the assistants raised a hue and cry. Several policemen and members of the Protection Force responded, with the result that the miscreants opened fire, killing a policeman and two others. One arrest was made later.

NOVEMBER WATER RETURN.

The water return for the month of November states, *inter alia*, that the storage at the City and Hill District Water Works was 1,888,811 million gallons compared with 1,460,811 million gallons for the same period last year.

The consumption was 245.38 million gallons, which for an estimated population of 400,750 worked out at 20.1 gallons per day. In November 1925 the consumption per head per day was 21 gallons.

For the Kowloon Waterworks the total storage was 436.50 million gallons compared with 323.60 million gallons in November 1925.

The consumption was 73.52 million gallons by 167,720 persons working out at 15.6 gallons per head per day. In November 1925 the figures were: consumption 72.98 million gallons; population 152,680; consumption per head per day 15.6 gallons.

The Government Analyst's report showed that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

The total rainfall to November 30th this year was 100.33 inches and in 1925, 87.33 inches.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued at 5.25 from the Royal Observatory, stated—

The anti-cyclone is strengthening over North China. The northern depression is moving eastward. It is now central North of Hokkaido. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea.

Local forecast: N.E. winds, moderate, fresh, fair.

CHINA CRISIS.

BRITISH MINISTER AT HANKOW.
THE WAR IN SHENSI.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 10th.

Although London is without official confirmation, Press telegrams report that Mr. Miles Lampson, the new British Minister to China, has reached Hankow and has had informal conversation with some of the Cantonese officials.

Mr. Lampson's visit to Hankow was primarily undertaken to be to investigate the situation in the Yangtze Valley, and he has discussed local conditions with the British Consular officers stationed at Kiukiang and elsewhere.

The newspapers report that Saburi, who was the Japanese delegate at the recent Extra-Territorial Conference, is also in Hankow and is in close contact with Mr. Lampson.

The conditions in Hankow are reported to be practically normal, the Cantonese authorities having checked the extremist labour elements.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MR. LOCKER LAMPSON'S STATEMENT.

[KING, December 10th.]

Mr. Locker Lampson's statement in the House of Commons that the Customs revenue was the only source whereon British capital loaned to China was secured has caused considerable surprise in financial circles, where it is pointed out that the Anglo-French and "Crisp" loans are entirely secured on the salt and "Hukuangs" half on salt, while in 1913 the Reorganisation Loan was theoretically also secured on salt, though met out of the Customs in recent years.

GENERAL CHANG YI'S TROOPS SURRENDER.

FOOCHOW, December 10th.

General Chang Yi's troops surrendered to the Cantonese last night, the main condition being their incorporation in the Cantonese Army.

BRITAIN NOT TO INTERVENE.

LONDON, December 9th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Frederick Hall, who asked whether Mr. Miles Lampson's pronouncement in Shanghai that there could be no question of British intervention in the internal affairs of China was made on the instructions of the Government, Mr. Locker Lampson said that the statement accorded with the policy frequently expressed by Sir Austen Chamberlain. He added that the latter had frequently made it clear that every possible step would be taken to safeguard the lives of Britishers.

HORRORS OF SIANFU.

GRAPHIC STORY FROM SHENSI'S CAPITAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, December 10th.

The terrible conditions prevailing in Sianfu are described in a graphic despatch from Reuter's correspondent in the Shensi war zone, dated November 29th, when the City was still under siege and fierce fighting was in progress.

HORRORS.

A Chinese refugee, who managed to get through the lines, though robbed of his money and clothes by soldiers, told the correspondent that the city streets were strewn with the dead of the poor who died long ago and remain where they fell. Soldiers were robbing the people of all supplies and food could not be purchased, though human flesh was offered for sale. Many were subsisting on bean-cakes normally used as cattle food or fertilizer. All dogs had vanished from the streets, and the troops were living on horseflesh, millet and flour, including the husks.

British Doctor's Appeal.

A touching appeal, on behalf of the Chinese staff of the hospital which the combined missionary forces in Sianfu are running, is made in a letter from Dr. Clement Stockley, of the English Baptist Mission, with has reached the Rev. Mr. Shields of the same mission. Writing from Sianfu on November 18th, Dr. Stockley urges efforts to get permission for the hospital staff to leave the city for their homes.

Faced With Starvation.

"We are truly in a desperate state and nothing but starvation stares us in the face. Hundreds are dying in the city daily and it is impossible to buy food. You cannot understand the state of affairs, it is just simply awful. It is difficult to bury all the dead of starvation, and many lie in the streets for days unburied and uncreased for. We foreigners can last about two weeks if we are allowed to keep the little we have. All are well and we should like to stay a few days longer to help those we can, and see if we can help with any efforts for peace, but soon we will have nothing to eat ourselves. Of course if the staff cannot get out we will have to share our supplies with them and that will not last long."

NOBEL PRIZES.

SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN, M. BRIAND, C. DAWES AND DR. STRESEMANN HONOURED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

OSLO, December 10th.

The Nobel Peace Prize for 1925 has been awarded to Sir Austen Chamberlain and the American, General Charles Dawes. The Peace Prize for 1926 has been awarded to M. Briand and Dr. Stresemann.

The awards were announced at an imposing ceremony, attended by a nationally representative gathering, including the King and the Crown Prince.

Dr. Nansen, in a speech, said that it was the Dawes plan that first brought light to "darkest Europe" after the war, while the initiative at Locarno came from Dr. Stresemann, Sir Austen Chamberlain and M. Briand, who had contributed most to the conclusion of the Rhine Treaty, which had introduced a new spirit in the relations of former adversaries, eliminating the Rhine as a cause of conflicts in European politics.

CHANG TSO LIN GOING TO PEKING?

COUNTER TO SOUTHERNER'S RECOGNITION CLAIMS.

It is reported, says a *Toho* message, that Marshal Chang Tso Lin will shortly go to Peking in order to make a round of calls on Ministers of various Powers for the purpose of seeking an understanding with them.

The General Headquarters of the An Kuo Chun (Tranquillity Restoration Army) will, it is stated, be removed to Peking, and a Regency Cabinet, which may be called the Government of the An Kuo Chun Army, will be formed by General Chin Yun Peng. The formation of the new Cabinet will be made after further sounding of the opinion of Marshal Wu Pei Fu's faction, and this means a step towards the movement to nominate Marshal Chang Tso Lin to the Presidency.

Testing the Situation.

PEKING, December 9th.

In order to seek an understanding with Ministers of foreign Powers about the mission of the An Kuo Chun Army prior to his entry into the Capital, Marshal Chang Tso Lin, Commander-in-Chief of the Army, has sent a representative to the American, the French and the Acting British Ministers.

At this time when the atmosphere in foreign diplomatic circles is in favour of recognition of the Southern Government as a *de facto* Government, to what extent the atmosphere will be alleviated by Marshal Chang's entry into Peking is being watched by the public with keen interest.

BRITISH ACCOUNTANTS NOT WANTED.

A Tientsin message from the Asiatic News Service, dated November 30th, states that a telegram from the Ministry of Justice to General Chu Yu Pu, Tapan and Civil Governor of Chihli, reports that the Chinese Accountants' Association of Tientsin are requesting that no foreign chartered accountant be permitted to practice outside the foreign Concessions nor to be employed as auditors for Chinese firms. The Waichiaoou says that there is no necessity to discuss the question with the foreign Legations as the Chinese authorities can enact any rule they like to restrict the activities of foreign accountants in inland cities. General Chu has instructed the district magistrates of the province to prohibit foreigners from practising in non-treaty ports, including those ports which have been voluntarily opened to foreign residence and commerce by China without treaty obligations.

CUTTING OFF THEIR OWN NOSES.

[Asiatic News Service.]

TIENTSIN, December 2nd.

Since the promulgation of martial law, no persons are allowed to walk in the streets of the native city after 12 p.m. without special permits and all theatres, eating houses and places of amusement must shut at 10 p.m. On account of the enforcement of these rules, businesses in the native city of Tientsin are suffering serious losses and many commercial houses have either closed their doors or removed to the Japanese and French Concessions. The *Yi Shan Pao*, therefore, anticipates further prosperity for the foreign Concessions in Tientsin as the Chinese authorities are exerting their best efforts to drive out the native businessmen by intolerable taxes and other obstacles.

U.S. OIL SCANDAL.

MR. DOHENY CROSS-EXAMINED. INTERESTING REVELATIONS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, December 10th.

Cross-examined in the Oil Conspiracy Case, Mr. Doheny asserted that it was the "Japanese menace" of 1921 that induced him to embark on the Elk Hills lease and the Pearl Harbour Storage Contract. He said that Admiral Robison, Chief of the Naval Bureau of Engineering, patriotically appealed to him to ensure that the American Navy had an adequate supply of oil in Hawaii, lest the Japanese threat should materialise and the United States find itself in the position of Belgium when invaded by the Germans.

Mr. Doheny added that Admiral Robison confided to him that the United States Government called the Armament Conference for the purpose of having other nations confront Japan. Adverting to the \$100,000 loan made to the late Secretary Fall, Mr. Doheny insisted that it was merely a personal transaction, unconnected with pending oil contracts.

MATRIMONIAL TANGLE.

AUSTRIAN COUNT AND AMERICAN MILLIONAIRE'S DAUGHTER.

New York, December 10th.

Count Ludwig Salm, Austrian nobleman and ex-International tennis player, is seeking a judicial separation from his wife, Millicent, daughter of Colonel Robers, multi-millionaire magnate of the Standard Oil Co.

His wife is willing to separate, but denies the court's jurisdiction, as Salm is not residing in America.

The Count admitted in court that during the honeymoon he received \$200 as the supposed author of newspaper articles entitled "How I wooed and won Millicent Rogers."

AN ABANDONED FLIGHT.

PRIMA, Cape Verde, December 10th.

Senhor de Barros has given up his flight. [A telegram from Genoa, dated October 17th, stated that a Brazilian seaplane, piloted by Senhor de Barros with three companions, left on a ten-day flight to Santos, Brazil.]

AMERICA'S CONSISTENT WAR DEBT POLICY.

STATEMENT BY U.S. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

WASHINGTON, December 9th.

The outstanding feature of the report of Mr. Mellon, the Secretary of the Treasury, is the impression it gives of the United States' reluctance at present to reconsider any of the war debt settlements.

It states that 97 per cent. of the total of the obligations held by the United States have been covered by the settlements and that "a fair trial can be had not in theory but in practice." The existence of the Foreign Debt Commission terminates on February 8th, 1927, as the Commission has practically completed its work.

The report adds that no debtor nation will deny that the payments arranged for the earlier years of the 62 year period are well within its capacity, while in the eight years since the Armistice, the American debts has meant practically nothing to continental Europe, since the settlements (England's excepted) have been only recently completed. Mr. Mellon emphasises that the United States' Government has maintained a consistent policy against cancellation, and he quotes statements by the late President Wilson to show there was no thought of cancellation.

NORTH AMERICA'S WINTER. GRAIN CARRIERS LIBERATED.

New York, December 9th.

A message from Fort William says that the ice jam between Lake Superior and Lake Huron has broken, liberating a fleet of grain carriers, laden with several million bushels of wheat, which had previously been caught by early wintry conditions.

U.S. MINE DISASTER.

MANY WORKMEN KILLED.

New York, December 9th.

A message from Princeton, Indiana, says that over thirty miners are believed to have been killed a few minutes after starting work, owing to an explosion in the Francisco mine, South-west Indiana. The explosion was due to gas, and blew off the top of the shaft and forced the cage to the top of the mine.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. PRIVATE ARMS MANUFACTURE.

GENEVA, December 9th.

The League of Nations' Council has decided to invite the United States and Russia to send representatives to a meeting at Geneva early in the autumn of the Special Committee which is to draft a Convention on the supervision of the private manufacture of arms.

AMERICA'S VETERAN JURIST.

MR. ELIHU ROOT HONOURED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, December 10th.

Mr. Elihu Root has been awarded the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Memorial Medal and an award of \$25,000 in appreciation of his services for the creation of a Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague since 1920.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

BRITISH TYRES.

FURTHER REDUCTIONS ANNOUNCED.

RUGBY, December 10th.

Further reductions, ranging from ten to twenty per cent., are announced in the prices of British automobile tyres. This is the third reduction by British manufacturers this year. In April the prices were lowered by ten per cent., and in October by a fifteen to twenty per cent. drop.

Machines and engines were subjected to a much more drastic examination than those of other countries. Technical and scientific experiments were constantly being made to introduce new type of machines more easily controlled and safety devices for diminishing the likelihood of accidents.

WIRELESS WONDERS.

A NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY.

RUGBY, December 9th.

Next Sunday will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wireless experiments conducted by Senator Marconi which resulted in the transmission and reception, for the first time of wireless signals between the Old and New Worlds. It was on December 12th, 1901, at St. John's, Newfoundland, that Marconi successfully received signals from Poldhu, in Cornwall.

The occasion is taken by writers in the Press to pay tribute to this achievement, as having marked the beginning of a wonderful era of wireless communication.

NEW BRITISH ROAD VEHICLES BILL.

NIGHT DRIVING ACCIDENTS.

RUGBY, December 9th.

As a preventive against night driving accidents a new Road Vehicles Bill has been introduced into Parliament. It provides for the compulsory use of four front lights on automobiles and limits the range of their beam.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

CONDITION WORSE.

TOKYO, December 9th.

An Imperial Household bulletin, issued last evening, says that the Emperor's condition is worse, with symptoms of bronchial pneumonia in the right lung. Loyal Trauwaymen.

Tokyo, December 10th.

In deference to the Emperor's illness, which has definitely developed into pneumonia, the Municipal tramwaymen held a urgent conference which it was decided to cancel the strike, which had been declared on Thursday night, on the condition that the authorities discharged none of the tramwaymen.

LIBERIAN RUBBER.

FIRESTONE GROUP'S AGREEMENT.

LONDON, December 9th.

It is announced that a Firestone Rubber Group agreement and also an American loan contract has been signed and ratified by the Liberian Government and the Legislature.

Mr. Harvey Firestone has left Monrovia for Accra en route to America.

BEET SUGAR.

YORKSHIRE FACTORY SCHEME ABANDONED.

LONDON, December 9th.

The big sugar refiners, Messrs. Tate and Lyle, have decided to abandon the project of building a sugar beet factory in Yorkshire on account of the experience gained through working the existing factory in Suffolk.

Sir Ernest Lyle, at the annual meeting of the firm, expressed the conviction that a British sugar beet factory had no hope to exist without a subsidy, and the prospect of decreasing and ultimately ending the subsidy did not warrant the large outlay of capital involved in building new factories.

FRENCH BUDGET.

PASSED BY THE CHAMBER.

PARIS, December 9th.

The Chamber of Deputies has passed the budget by 410 votes to 126. The estimated expenditure amounts to 29,834,408,129 francs, and the estimated receipts to 40,099,101,038 francs. Only the Socialists and the Communists voted against the Budget.

The Chamber has adjourned until December 17th.

THE COAL DISPUTE AFTERMATH.

MINERS WORKING ADMIRABLY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 10th.

800,000 miners are now at work, and if the demand for coal is increased, as a result of further price reductions, considerably more men will be employed and permanent unemployment among miners, as result of the stoppage, will be much less than had been feared.

The last of the export embargoes will be removed at midnight on Sunday, after which anthracite and coke may be freely exported.

The Council of Mining Association, which is a Coal-Owners' organisation, yesterday approved of the formation of the joint pit committees including representatives of the workmen. They also decided to contribute to the Research Fund.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The Emergency Regulations.

LONDON, December 9th.

The House of Commons has agreed to a motion repealing the majority of the Emergency Regulations, apart from those required to control the export of coal, and supplies of gas, water and electricity pending the return to normal work.

THE INDIAN CURRENCY SITUATION.

NEW BILL FACED WITH A HARD FIGHT.

SIR B. BLACKETT'S SPEECH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, November 10th.

The Indian currency situation is still obscure. According to a Delhi message the Government's Currency Bill is faced with a hard fight in the forthcoming session when the Swarajists will oppose it. Other groups are meanwhile undecided.

At the same time Sir Basil Blackett's recent speech at Calcutta has helped to clear the situation, especially his flat denial that the agriculturist will not in any way suffer as a result of the rupee ratio of eighteen pence, which the Bombay press, till recently, echoed by other provinces, especially attacked for the very reason which Sir B. Blackett has denied.

The latest development is in Calcutta, Madras and Delhi, where influential newspapers warned Bombay propagandists to stick to facts and argue fairly. With the tendency to firmer exchanges the Government's task will be easier if an upward move occurs.

THE CHINESE BISHOPS IN FRANCE.

WELCOMED TO PARIS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S SERVICE.]

PARIS, December 10th.

The four Chinese bishops have arrived in Paris and have been greeted by the ecclesiastical authorities.

MARCONI'S MARRIAGE.

ANNULMENT PROCEEDINGS.

ROME, December 9th.

At the request of the interested parties, the Sacred Rota has decided that all proceedings in the application for the annulment of Senator Marconi's marriage shall be conducted in secrecy in order to avoid unpleasant discussion.

[A message of November 24th stated: It is learned that the Sacred Rota is examining the case for the annulment of the marriage of Senator Marconi and his wife whose maiden name was Beatrice O'Brien. The alleged nullity consists of a condition said to have been agreed to by which they could separate whenever they wished. According to the canon laws, the Catholic Church considers marriage indissoluble and such a condition nullifies the marriage. A Diocesan Court at Westminster has already annulled the marriage.]

AN ITALO-GERMAN TREATY.

CAUSES NO SURPRISE.

GENEVA, December 9th.

No surprise is expressed here at the reports of the imminence of the signature of an Italo-German Treaty of Arbitration and Friendship, as it has been known for some time that negotiations had been pending.

The Treaty is in the spirit of the principles of the League and similar to the treaties with Spain, Switzerland and other countries.

SIR PAUL CHATER'S ENGLISH ESTATE.

LONDON, December 9th.

The late Sir Paul Chater, member of the Hong Kong Executive Council, left estate in England valued at £130,000 net.

"ROYAL DUTCH" DIVIDEND.

THE HAGUE, December 9th.

The Royal Dutch Petroleum Company has declared an interim dividend of ten per cent.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

OBITUARY.

SERBIAN EX-PREMIER.

BELGRADE, December 10th.

The death is announced of ex-Premier Pachitch.

SHIPPING DEAL?

AN EXTRAORDINARY DENIAL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, December 10th.

Mr. Franklin, President of the International Mercantile Marine, denies the statement published in the New York press that the Royal Mail Steamship Company has offered to purchase the Leyland and the Red Star Lines. He adds that he has received no offers and is not negotiating a sale.

[Several telegrams have been recently published giving details of the purchase.]

REMARKABLE DOINGS IN NATHAN ROAD.

MEN ENTER HOUSE ON PRETEXT OF LIME-WASHING.

DEFENDANT SENT TO PRISON.

Alleging, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, that the whole case for the prosecution was a "frame-up," Mr. D. McCallum, appeared for a Chinese charged with the possession of a dagger.

Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, sitting with Major C. Wilson, criticised the evidence given by the prosecution and said that there must not be any compromise in the case; either it had to be one of a very serious nature or that the whole case was a ridiculous one.

A Chinese detective, on oath, said that he went to a house in Nathan Road, Kowloon, on November 31st to investigate a larceny case, and, on coming out of the house, he saw a Chinese loitering about in a very suspicious manner. Witness was in the act of going up to the man, when four other Chinese rushed out of another house (No. 235) and scattered in different directions. Those men were followed by a fifth man, whom witness caught.

Witness, on searching the man, found what was stated to be a file-dagger, the handle of which was showing out of the pocket. At the same moment, a Chinese lady rushed out of the house shouting that five respectable dressed Chinese had entered her house with felonious intent. Witness then took the defendant back to house No. 235, where he was identified by the lady as one of the men who had entered the house in the pretext of lime-washing the house, and that when she became suspicious the men bolted.

Defendant's Story.

The defendant's story was that he was formerly a "boy" in the employ of the Repulse Bay Hotel, and that he was given a week's holiday on account of ill-health. He overstayed his holiday, and, on the day in question, he was invited out for a walk by a friend named Young Chong. Defendant came to Yau-mati with this man, and when they were at Nanking Street, Young Chong gave him the instrument to carry saying that he had to go into a house to ask for some money. They also met three other men, and together they proceeded to No. 235, Nathan Road. Young Chong then asked three of the men to wait for him outside and told defendant to go into the house with him. Defendant did not go into anyone's room, merely remaining in the passage-way. During the time he was in the house, he saw no one and heard no conversation between Young Chong and anyone. Young Chong then came from upstairs and told him that he could not find his friend. They then left the house, Young Chong going out first. When defendant came out to the road, he found that Young Chong and the other three had gone. Defendant began to walk away and, when a few yards off, he was approached by the Chinese detective, who searched him and took him back to the Chinese lady of the house. Later, he was put under arrest.

In answer to questions put by the Court, defendant said that he had always been on friendly terms with Young Chong, who used to visit him quite often. But some time last year, Young Chong asked him for a loan of money, and since that time, Young Chong had not been to visit him.

Mr. Nihill: Oh; after borrowing money from you, he did not come to see you, is that it? (Laughter.)

"Called to Whitewash."

When the Chinese lady of the house was called to give evidence, Mr. McCallum objected on the grounds that the lady was in Court when the first witness was giving evidence, and also that the prosecution had closed their case. His Worship pointed out that the lady was called in rebuttal to the defendant's story. The evidence of the Chinese lady was to the effect that she was taking her siesta on the day in question, when her amah reported that some men had called to white-wash the house. The defendant, it was stated, went into her room, and told her that he had come to lime-wash to place. She stated that defendant "looked very fierce," and that she noticed a dagger in his pocket wrapped up in newspaper. "I became suspicious, and went into the back yard to avoid him," said witness. When the men left the house she cried out "Thieves, Robbers."

Mr. McCallum pointed out that it was absurd to think that the defendant had gone to the house with any criminal intent, and then allowed the lady to leave the house and go out into the back yard. Furthermore, had the lady shouted out "thieves and robbers," as she had stated, it was very wonderful that the Chinese detective did not stay so in his evidence. Mr. McCallum submitted that the Chinese detective was in league with the man called Young Chong to "trump up" the charge, pointing out that it was a curious coincidence for the Chinese detective to be on the spot at the time.

The Court held that defendant was guilty and sentenced him to 10 months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

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RACING NOTES.

(By RABIER.)

Falling Hunt.

On Wednesday last the meet was at
Potts' Bungalow at 3 o'clock under Alec
Potts with Capt. Reidy and Lt. Cdr.
Farnshaw as whip. There was a fair
crowd including Mrs. Paterson, Col.
Comyn, Comdr. Broadley, and Lieut.
Dangerfield. The hounds drew near
Souza's Bungalow and ran to Lok Ma
Chau cross roads, on through Low Camp
down to the Samchun river where they
were left nosing round the bank as the
fox had apparently gone to his native
heath over the border.To-day the meet is at Potts' Bungalow
at 3 o'clock and to-morrow at Sheung
Shui Police Station at 8 o'clock.

Kwanti Steeplechase Meeting.

The following are the handicaps for
the second race at the above meeting on
Saturday next. I am glad to see that the
weights allotted are within the limits at
which local riders can scale.

Cheriton Vale	173 lbs.
Reynolds	162 "
More Better	160 "
Golden Pheasant	158 "
Sumburst Rose	157 "
James Pigg	152 "
Rochesay	150 "
Nivergrass	150 "
Nasynch	150 "
Wahkeena	150 "
Kwan Tao	148 "
Isostacy (late Magnificent)	145 "
Dahlia	145 "
Tam	140 "

YACHTING.

THE WEEK-END PROGRAMME.

There will be a full yachting programme
this week-end. To-day will see the sixth
championship race for the racing yacht
classes of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht
Club.The course for this race will be:
Tropic Rock Buoy (S.), Mark on Club
Line (P.), Channel Rocks (S.). The distance
is approximately eight miles.To-morrow will see the second Cham-
pionship race for the cruisers, and the
course for their race will be to Cheung
Chau and back, a distance of 25 miles.On Monday the Ladies' Section will be
out again, and this will be their fourth
championship race. The course will be:
Channel Rocks (S.), Mark in Quarry Bay
(S.), Kowloon Rock (P.). The distance
is approximately five miles.On the following Saturday and Sunday
there will again be races for the racing
classes and the cruisers, and another race
for the ladies on the Monday. This will
conclude the programme before Christ-
mas.

BILLIARDS.

Y.M.C.A. v. "VINDICTIVE."

The European Y.M.C.A. defeated
H.M.S. *Vindictive* at Kowloon by 29
points. Scores:—Y.M.C.A.: Greenhalgh 150, Chapman
140, Jack 150, Borrowman 122, Lamb 145,
Guy 150—total 857.*Vindictive*: Jones 130, Bridgeway 150,
Hedley 141, Wardle 150, Emerson 150,
Brydie 107—total 628.

VOLLEY BALL.

The To Kiang volley ball team of Hong
Kong, one of the best among the Chinese,
will play the Chup Shun team from Can-
ton this (Saturday) afternoon, commencing
at 3.30. Ng Bo Lau, the popular foot-
ball player, will be a member of the To
Kiang team.MARRIAGE OF WELL-KNOWN
BASEBALL PLAYER.Mr. Choy Ping Fung, a well-known
Chinese athlete and member of the South
China A.A. baseball team, which won the
local championship last season, was mar-
ried on Thursday. The wedding festivi-
ties on Thursday and Friday were attend-
ed by many members of the South China
and Chinese Amateur Athletic Associa-
tions.

THE "CARINTHIAN'S" LEAVE.

BRISK TRADE IN SILKS AND
CURIOS.The round-the-world Cunard liner
Carinthia, with over 300 globe trotters
on board, left Hong Kong yesterday
at dusk for the next stage of her cruise,
namely, Manila.The tourists thoroughly enjoyed their
brief sojourn in the Colony, and apart
from the usual motor car trips in the
New Territories and around the Island,
many of them wandered "off the beaten
track" on their own.As usual the silk stores, and curios
bazaars did a brisk trade, and especially
the former reaped a rich harvest.
Shawls, silks and jade were purchased
freely and many orders for dresses were
placed; the local tailors working over-
time in order to fulfil the orders before the
Carinthia sailed.It is estimated that over \$75,000 was
spent at local silk stores, and establish-
ments of this character in the course of
three days, and at the least an equal
amount of money was spent elsewhere.
There are four more tourist liners to
come to Hong Kong this season, so that
with a total passenger list of over 2,000,
the revenue to local trade should be a
good one.

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FOUR LINERS ARRIVE.

S.S. "PRESIDENT MCKINLEY,"
"MALWA," "MAEDONIA"
AND "CHANGTE."MANY LOCAL RESIDENTS AMONG
PASSENGERS.The Admiral Oriental liner, *President
McKinley*, came into port early yester-
day morning, from Seattle and Shang-
hai. The vessel brought 2,061 tons of
cargo for local discharge, and manifested
3,633 tons for ports beyond. She also
brought 540 bags of mail.The *President McKinley*, brought 51
passengers for Hong Kong and 21
through passengers for Manila, for which
port she sailed yesterday at midnight.Among the passengers were for Hong
Kong:—Mr. and Mrs. Jose de Acunha,
Mr. Wm. H. Young, Mr. R. C. Pullen,
Miss Alice Fitzgerald, Mr. George
Schmidt, Mr. J. J. Strahle, Mr. A. N.
Spencer, Mrs. A. A. Alves, Miss A. Alves,
Mr. L. W. Kennedy, Mr. J. A. Hyndman,
Mr. F. Schenckel, Mr. A. E. Allen,
Mr. J. W. Hook, Miss Z. Rosa, Miss
Millie Ryder, Mr. H. D. Talbot, Mr. S.
M. Finn, For Manila:—Mr. C. Boyson,
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Butler, Miss
Marietta and Master Chas. Butler, Miss
Agnes Duffy, Mr. A. M. Laken, Mr.
Antonio Melian, Mr. N. Smith, Mr.
Ralph Titus, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ross,
Mr. D. L. Hutcheson, Mr. Henry Halfon,
Comdr. and Mrs. J. M. Smeallie (U.S.
Navy), Miss Ann Smeallie and Master
John Smeallie Jr., Dr. and Mrs. V. C.
Vaughn, Mr. L. H. Deubner, Dr. J. B.
Rogers, Miss Francisca M. Costa, Mr.
and Mrs. Robert Link, Mrs. R. Derby,
Mr. Franklin Kline, and Dr. P.
Trinidad.

S.S. "Malwa."

At this time of the year, each incom-
ing P. & O. boat usually brings out a
good many Hong Kong residents return-
ing from leave since the spring, and also
officers in the Services coming out for
two or three years' duty. Such was the
case with the *Malwa*, which arrived in
port yesterday from London and Singa-
pore.The liner, carried 179 passengers, the
majority of whom disembarked here.
She also brought 349 bags of Home mails.Among the passengers were:—
Mr. C. W. E. Bishop, an engineer in
Works Department, returning to the
Waterworks office of the Public
Works Department from Home leave.
He is one of the best known
"backs" in local soccer circles, and in
his absence was elected vice-captain of
the Hong Kong Football Club for this
season and his return should improve the
Club's chances for the league champion-
ship and other honours.Mr. J. Russell of Taikoo Dock returned
from Home.Mr. V. G. Kerley, of the Hong Kong
Electric Co.'s staff returned from Home
leave.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., return-
ed to the Colony after spending long
leave at Home.Mrs. H. Balean, the wife of Dr. H.
Balean, the local medical practitioner,
returned to Hong Kong from Home.Mr. and Mrs. T. Swan of Taikoo came
back to Hong Kong.Mr. F. A. Brown, of the Royal Naval
Yard, Hong Kong, returned to the
Colony this morning from Home.Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones, a Cadet in the
Hong Kong Government service, return-
ed to the Colony on the expiry of long
leave.Mr. J. Reid Dockyard manager of the
Taikoo Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.,
and one of the leading members of St.
Andrew's Society, returned from Home
leave, with Mrs. Reid and family.Mr. T. W. Ainsworth of the Hong Kong
Civil Service, returned from Home leave.
As a Cadet officer, he has been in the
Colonial Treasury and other depart-
ments.Captain S. Bell-Smith, one of the best
known of local master mariners, return-
ed to the Colony with Mrs. Bell-Smith
and family. Captain Bell-Smith is with
the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao
Steamship Co., Ltd.Mr. and Mrs. J. Laing and family re-
turned to Hong Kong from Home leave.
Mr. Laing is on the staff of the Taikoo
Dock Co.Mrs. A. O. Lang (the wife of the Hon.
Mr. A. O. Lang), came back to Hong
Kong from Home.Mr. A. R. Sutherland of the Education
Department.Mr. W. F. Hoyle, of the Taikoo Sugar
Refining Co.'s staff.Mr. A. Nicol of the Port Development
(now re-absorbed by the P.W.D.) return-
ed from leave with Mrs. Nicol.Several Naval officers arrived yester-
day morning on the *Malwa* from Home.
In addition to the new Commodore for
Hong Kong were Comdr. and Mrs.
G. B. Hartford, Eng. Comdr. G. W.
Odam, Pay. Lieut. A. T. Phillips, Pay
Comdr. H. Rogers.Disembarking here yesterday from
the *Malwa*, from Home, were Mr. and
Mrs. B. Montague Ede, Captain P. O. K.
Harris, Miss R. Luard, Rev. J. E. Rigg,
Miss M. A. Searle, Mrs. N. M. Totten-
ham.Another P. & O. boat arriving yester-
day was the s.s. *Macedonia*. This vessel
will carry the outward Home mail this
afternoon.The s.s. *Changte* arriving Melbourne
and Manila brought the Australian
mails and 620 tons of general cargo for
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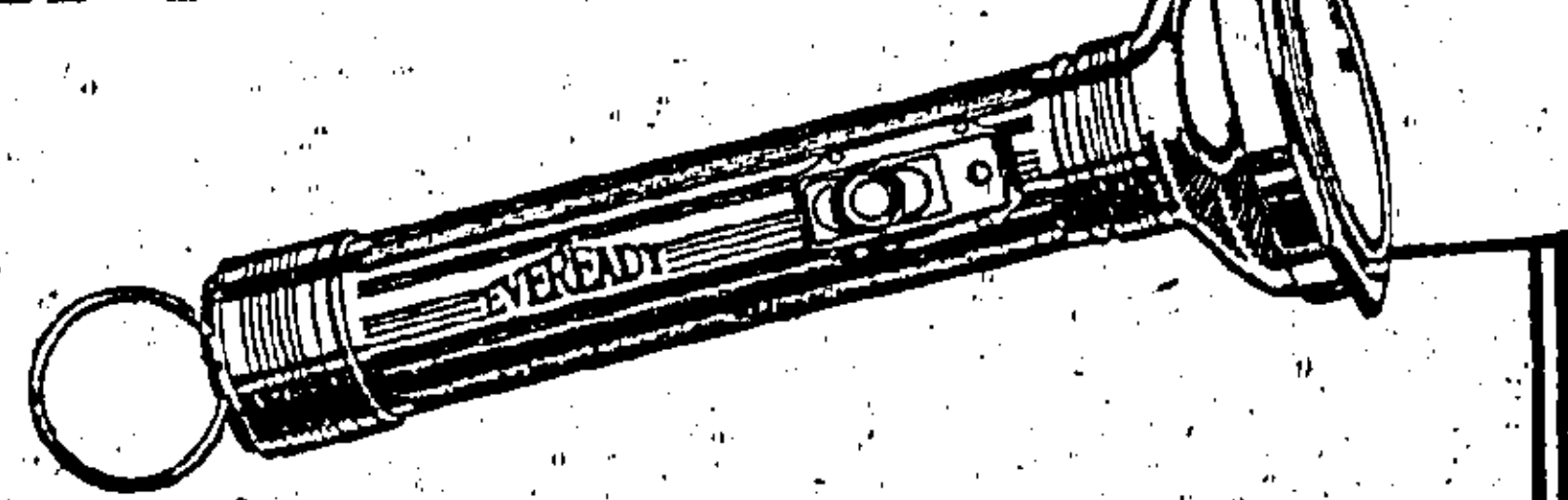
SEQUEL TO A STREET FIGHT.

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missed for un-Christian insubordination.Korean Salvation Army officers a
week ago asked General Booth, who was
visiting Seoul to equalise the pay of
Korean and foreign Salvationists. The
General asked for time to reply, and
after an acrimonious debate a fight
ensued in the street between Korean and
British and American Salvationists,
which was ended by the arrival of police
reserves.HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN
PORTS.The Health Bulletin of Eastern ports
for the week ending December 4th,
states:—

PLAQUE.	
3 cases at Mauritius.	
1 case at Alexandria.	
1 case at Bombay.	
1 case at Rangoon.	
CHOLERA.	
31 cases at Calcutta.	
2 cases at Rangoon.	
1 case at Tuticorin.	
2 cases at Singapore.	
13 cases at Haiphong.	
5 cases at Tientsin.	
1 case at Bangkok.	
SMALL-POX.	
2 cases at Bombay.	
45 cases at Calcutta.	
3 cases at Madras.	
1 case at Rangoon.	
1 case at Tuticorin.	
1 case at Vizagapatnam.	
5 cases at Bangkok.	

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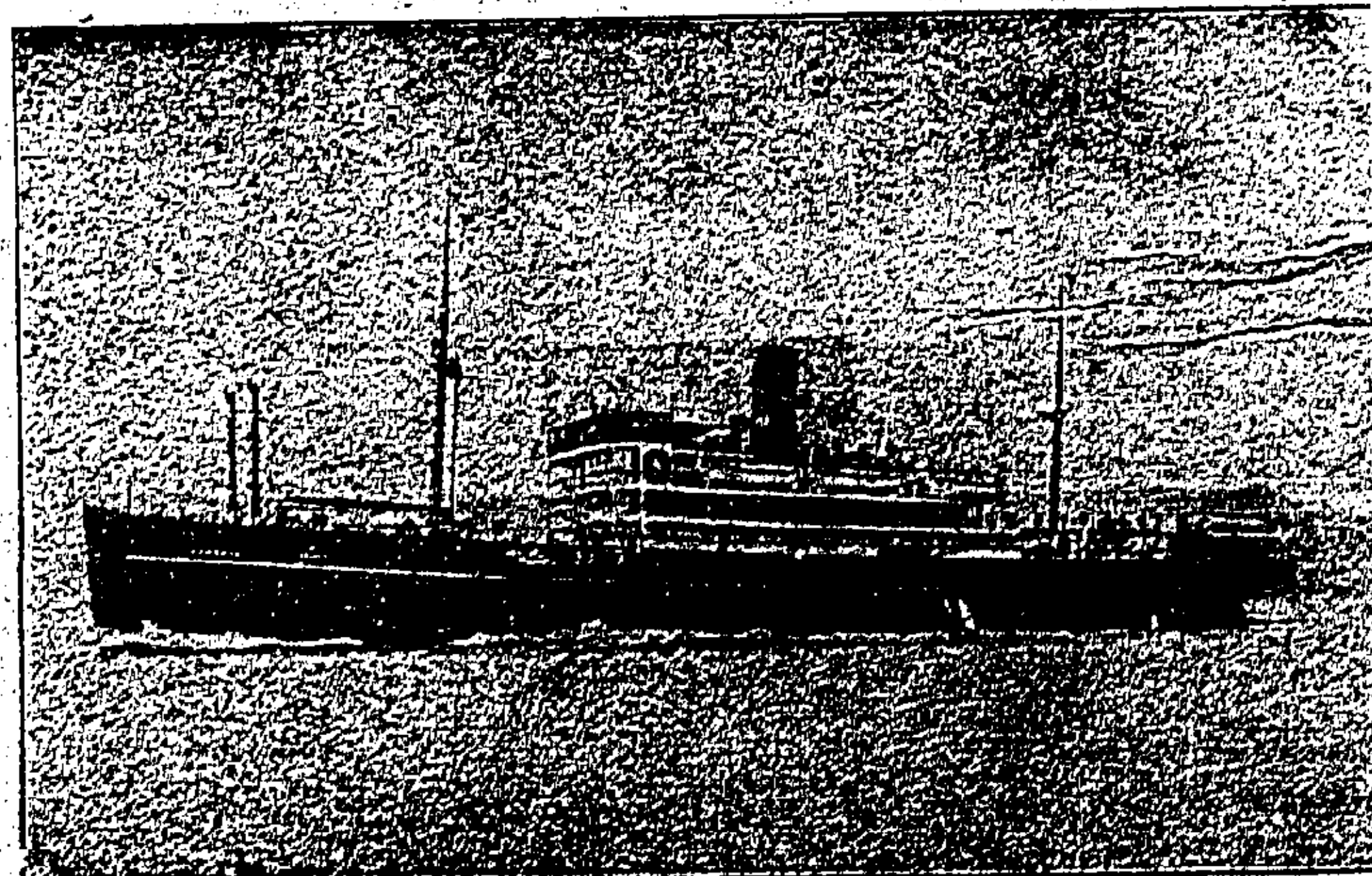
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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

December 9th.
Kathe, German str., 900 tons, Capt. H. Frandsen, from Canton, with a full cargo, lying at buoy No. C43—
Kwong Mow Tai.
Luchow, British str., 1,221 tons, Capt. T. Johnstone, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.
Tak Hing, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Chong Yung Fat, from Autou, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Wharf—Hok Fui Co.

DEPARTURES.

December 10th.
Bokyo Maru, Japanese str., 6,177 tons, Capt. J. Fujisawa, from Valparaiso and Moji, the latter port she left on December 9th, with 553 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. A8—N.Y.K.
Changye, British str., 2,570 tons, from Melbourne and Manila. The latter port she left on December 7th, with a general cargo, lying at Hui's Wharf—B. & S.
Delta, British str., 4,728 tons, Capt. F. Sudell, R.D., from R.N.R., from Yokohama and Shanghai. The latter port she left on December 7th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
Hydron, British str., 501 tons, Capt. R. Elvidge, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at Chin On Wharf—Chin On S.S. Co.
Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,517 tons, Capt. T. Inakawa, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 10th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C37—N.Y.K.
Macedonia, British str., 5,567 tons, Capt. H. W. Potter, R.D., from R.N.R., from Shanghai, which port she left on December 7th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
Malua, British str., 10,079 tons, Capt. T. C. E. Dayes, from London, which port she left on November 5th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

President McKinley, American str., 14,171 tons, Capt. A. O. Lurie, from Seattle via ports. She left Shanghai on December 7th, with 2,061 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Admiral Oriental Line.
Raymond Poincare, French str., 1,197 tons, Capt. Lokae, from Haiphong, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C36—Yick Cheong.

CLEARANCES.

December 10th.
Carinthia, for Manila.
Delta, for Singapore.
Haiching, for Swatow.
Kathe, for Shanghai.
Kojima Maru, for Tsingtao.
Livingstone, for Bangkok.
Lushan Maru, for Canton.
Macedonia, for Canton.
Malua, for Shanghai.
Nishiyama Maru, for Hongkong.
Nishiyama Maru No. 2, for Canton.
Phuapen, for Saigon.
President McKinley, for Manila.
President Wilson, for Manila.
Poo Yue, for Hoihow.
Raymond Poincare, for Swatow.
Tacama Maru, for Singapore.
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Taming, for Hoihow.
Wingwo, for Kwang Chow Wan.

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HONG KONG SHIPPING.

YESTERDAY'S STATEMENTS.

DECREASE IN LOCAL IMPORTS.

Imports of general merchandise into the Colony have been very varied in quantity from day to day during the past month or so. Wednesday's returns showed a total of 15,383 tons, and yesterday's returns for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. showed only 1,873 tons imported into Hong Kong, a decrease of 14,010 tons over the previous day.

British vessels were responsible for 1,075 tons and the balance of 800 tons was contributed by the s.s. Bokyo Maru, a D. & S. coastal vessel from Shanghai and Amoy which brought 592 tons. There was also a decrease of through freight of 4,635 tons as compared with the previous day's returns. The total tonnage manifested on vessels passing through Hong Kong for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 10,400 tons, of which British vessels had 3,046 tons on board. The best returns were 3,520 tons on the Italian vessel Esquilino, from Yokohama and Shanghai, and 2,400 tons on the French liner Raymond Poincare, from Haiphong. The s.s. Macedonia also had 1,500 tons and the Delta, 1,546 tons.

During the period under review, there were 10 arrivals and 10 departures. They were: British, 4 arrivals and 4 departures; Japanese, 9 arrivals and 2 departures; Chinese, 1 arrival and 2 departures; Dutch, 1 departure; French, 1 arrival; German, 1 arrival; Italian, 1 arrival and 1 departure.

The number of vessels in port during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday amounted to 74, of which, 35 were British; American, 1; German, 2; Panama, 1; Norwegian, 4; Japanese, 5; Chinese, 15; Dutch, 5; Portuguese, 2; French, 3.

The tabulated lists of arrivals and clearances will be found in another column.

SHIPPING NOTES.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday the total number of deck passengers entered into the Colony amounted to 112.

The M.M. Liner Raymond Poincare, having experienced engine trouble after leaving Haiphong, put into Hong Kong yesterday for stores and water.

Bad weather was reported by nearly all vessels coming into Hong Kong during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. A few hours out of Moji on the way to Hong Kong, the Japanese freighter, Bokyo Maru, ran into a gale of cyclone force and received a severe buffet. High seas swept over the decks, but little damage was done.

VESSELS EXPECTED

Empress of Canada (C.P.R.), due December, 23rd.
Furness (Swedish East Asiatic), due Monday.
Kashmir (P. & O.), due Monday, about 7 a.m.
Kashmir (P. & O.), due December, 13th, about 7 a.m.
Takling (P. & O.), due Monday, about 7 a.m.

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Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jan. 6	Jan. 8	Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 23
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 13
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 23	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 28	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 29	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 19	July 22	July 31

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ANGERS	19th Nov., 1926	22nd Dec., 1926	4th Jan., 1927
ARTAGNAN	3rd Dec., 1926	5th Jan., 1927	1st Feb., 1927
SEINX	17th Dec., 1926	19th Jan., 1927	15th Feb., 1927
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CANTON	"HANGSANG"	Tuesday	14th Dec., at 9 a.m.
CANTON	"HOPSANG"	Tuesday	14th Dec., at 9 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Wednesday	15th Dec., at 10 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"MINGSANG"	Thursday	16th Dec., at 9 a.m.
OSAKA via SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Saturday	18th Dec., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HOPSANG"	Sunday	19th Dec., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSHING"	Monday	20th Dec., at Noon
OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	"NAMWANG"	Friday	24th Dec., at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Friday	24th Dec., at 2 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Tuesday	25th Dec., at 3 p.m.
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"NYANZA"	7,023	8th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Hull.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	25th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOBEA"	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,067	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Hull.
"NELLORE"	6,832	3rd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MANTUA"	10,922	5th March	Marseilles and London.
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"TAKLIWA"	7,936	2nd Jan.	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	9th Jan.	do.

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"TANDA"	6,956	4th Mar.	
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"TAKADA"	6,949	22nd Dec.	Kobe.
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